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PARIS, TO-DAY.

A GENERAL STAFF COMMUNIQUE SAYS VIOLENT FIGHTING IS GOING ON IN THE SOMME REGION, WHERE WE CONTINUE TO PROGRESS, AND ON THE NORTHERN FRONT.

The enemy who during the last few days accumulated considerable material in the Boulogne region, succeeded in seizing the town after three days of fierce fighting in and around the city.

Our artillery is inflicting very heavy losses on the enemy between the Aisne and Meuse.

BRITAIN'S NEW PROBLEM

London, To-day.

This morning's newspapers emphasise that the nomination of General Ironside to the post of Commander-in-Chief of home defence indicates the considerable importance the British Government attaches to home defence.

In regard to the 15 French generals relieved of their functions, certain newspapers recall the similar measures taken by General Joffre shortly before the Battle of the Marne.

Attention is paid in the newspapers to the unanimity of British workers in responding to the Government appeal for acceleration of war industries.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that in appointing General Ironside the Government recognises the new problems imposed on the country by the appearance of the war on the Channel coast. The paper insists on the necessity of giving General Ironside large powers extending to the land and air forces.

Urgent Necessity

"The Times" thinks it is evident that home defence is by nature a single problem, certainly in what concerns the air and land forces. Most urgent necessity at present is probably close co-operation between the two forces.

"The Times" warns its readers against assertions that Germany is now playing all her trump cards. These

Our automatic arms are also highly efficient, and whole platoons of German infantry have been found mowed down.

Our anti-aircraft guns and fighters inflicted heavy losses and repulsed the enemy attempting to raid our aerodromes.—Havas.

Powerful Attacks

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.

Early yesterday morning the Germans launched two powerful attacks in the Valenciennes region, and fighting was still going on late last night.

The French are holding their ground and inflicting heavy losses on the enemy.

Artillery activity took place north of Basle.

Both sides' air forces were active, the Germans bombing localities along the northern front and the Allies attacking.

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REYNAUD IN LONDON

Paris, To-day.

M. Reynaud and his advisers flew to London yesterday to consult with the British War Cabinet and returned to Paris in the evening.—Havas.

reports are often spread by the enemy to deceive us. However, in the largest sense, the statement contains a large element of truth.

Germany has put forth an effort that even her resources will probably not permit her to maintain long or repeat on the same scale.

French Pitiless

The "News Chronicle" says the French have been absolutely pitiless in removing military commanders unfit in these critical moments to fulfil their responsibilities. This attitude is a sign of force rather than feebleness and is a measure of the resolution of France to march towards victory.—Reuter.

ATTACK ON BRITAIN MAY BE IMMINENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day. A German attempt to attack Britain from the north may be imminent, says the Stockholm correspondent of the "Neue Zuercher Zeitung." The correspondent says German concentrations are taking place in central and southern Norway, notably at Stavanger and Bergen. German freighters have been arriving in ballast at these ports and may eventually be used as transports.—Havas.

QUEEN FARIDA LEAVES CAIRO

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day. Queen Farida, accompanied by her baby daughters, has left Cairo for her country residence. The Queen's departure is taken as indication that anxiety still prevails regarding a possible extension of the conflict to the Mediterranean.—Havas.

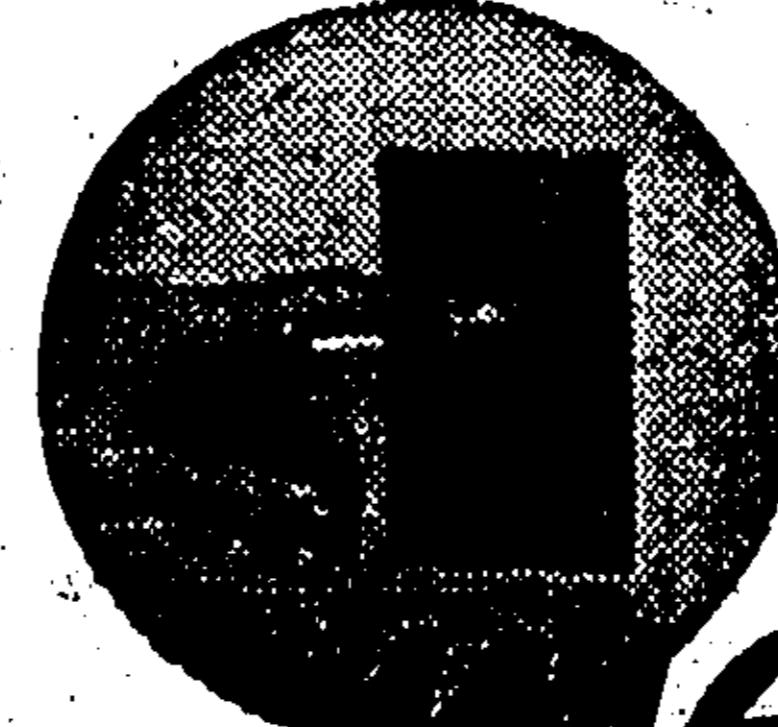
SWITZERLAND'S ANXIETIES

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Berne, To-day. Reflecting the apprehension prevailing all over the country, the canton of Uri authorities have ordered the removal of all posters giving geographical information. Uri canton lies in central Switzerland north of the St. Gotthard Pass leading to Italy.—Havas.

WEATHER FORECAST.—East winds, fresh; cloudy with drizzle or light rain, probably improving later.

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HITLER'S STRATEGY AS SEEN BY AN EXPERT

London, To-day. A BROAD ANALYSIS OF GERMAN strategy and tactics in the Low Countries' invasion was given yesterday by Captain Cyril Falls, military correspondent of "The Times."

Summarising briefly what had happened, Captain Falls said that French and British troops moved into Belgium when the invasion began and took over the southern part of the main Belgian line of defence, which runs along the Meuse from the French frontier to Namur and then across to Antwerp.

The Germans launched a tremendous attack on the Meuse from Dinant southwards, crushing and isolating French troops at Valenciennes; the British right flank was uncovered.

That gap has not yet been closed. To-day, it extends from south-east of Arras to Amiens, and through it German mechanised troops in great strength have proceeded through to the coast.

Now, what, in broad outlines, was the German aim and how did they set about it?

Strategic Aim

Personally, Captain Falls continued, he thought that the enemy expected the Allies to march into Belgium and he did not try to stop it. He carried out some bombing, but not enough to interrupt the march.

The strategic aim seemed to be to separate the British and Belgian troops and certain French units from the main French armies, just as the Germans had already separated the Belgians and the Dutch.

The other part of the aim was to reach the Channel ports.

Captain Falls said that he was not particularly criticising our own strategy, for our move was inevitable if we were to be loyal to our principles.

Strategy, although it sounds more scientific than tactics, is really the hand-maid of tactics. The German plan would have been rash to the point of craziness if it was not also supported by the power of the assisting weapons and the system of co-ordinating them.

Bombers' Task

These were low-flying planes, and especially dive-bombing, and tanks and, though so far to a lesser extent than in Holland, parachute-troops.

The bombers have been raised to the work of heavy artillery, which they cannot hope to keep up, and have been used to blast a way through which the tanks can pro-

ceed. Perhaps we should have realised this after Poland; we did not realise it, in fact, but we did not realise its terrific scale.

That is the black side of the picture.

At the same time, troops get used to any form of surprise attack. Then, too, the great difficulty in long-range operations is to keep up the impetus.

We have had a tactical defeat and suffered a strategic reverse—but the campaign is not over. In fact, it has just reached the critical stage. Our hopes still lie in the fighting qualities of our land, sea and air troops and the skill and wisdom of General Weygand. We shall not be conquered even if we lose this phase of the campaign.—Reuter.

NO PARCELS FOR EUROPE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, Yesterday.

The Peiping Postal Administration has ordered all local post offices no longer to accept parcels for Europe, although letters will still be accepted.

Reason for the measure is the insecurity of land and sea communications owing to the European war. The Administration fears the risk of loss due to the war is too great to warrant the acceptance of valuable parcels. — Havas.

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Belgian civilians being evacuated. (Copyright, Fox).

MEDITERRANEAN TENSION HITTING FAR EAST TRADE (SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE MEDITERRANEAN tension is proving unfavourable to Far Eastern trade with Europe, most of which formerly took the Suez route. British, Dutch and most French ships recently abandoned that route altogether, while Italian lines have substantially reduced their sailings.

From the Chinese standpoint this is extremely regrettable, since beside Soviet Russia, the North African countries form major customers for China's tea.

Access to these markets now becomes more difficult than ever, at the very start of the 1940 tea export season.

Generally speaking, the recent war developments tend to reduce further Europe's importance in Shanghai's foreign trade.

Instead, the share of Inter-Asiatic and trans-Pacific commerce in Shanghai's trade will increase further. —Havas.

FIGHTERS TACKLED IN MASS

London, To-day.

After yesterday's air battles, a Squadron Leader spoke of encountering large masses of Messerschmidt 109s.

One formation of Junker 88s was trying to bomb ships when a Spitfire squadron approached. Five Messerschmidt 110 twin-engined fighters, protecting the bombers, were put out of action and one bomber was destroyed.

This brought the squadron's bag of enemy aircraft since Friday morning to 32.

Twenty Messerschmidt 110s were surprised 17,000 feet over Calais approaching from the sun.

The British fighters broke up the defensive circles the Nazi fighters tried to form.

The Messerschmidts twisted and turned in efforts to manoeuvre into a more favourable position but the British fighters put five out of action.

An hour and half later, the same squadron destroyed five more Messerschmidts, damaged another five and brought down an Army cooperation aircraft.

A fight starting at 10,000 feet ended low over the French fields with the Junker 88 dive bombers hedge-hopping in all directions as they tried to escape from the attacking Spitfires.

Before protecting Messerschmidts could arrive, the Spitfires shot down five and damaged three. —British Wireless.

72 JAPANESE PLANES RAID SZECHUEN

Chungking, To-day.

Two Japanese planes, a heavy bomber and a fighter, were shot down over Chungking yesterday afternoon in a furious air battle in which the enemy amassed 72 machines — the heaviest concentration fielded by the Japanese since the start of the present "bombing season."

Kao Yu-sing, pilot and machine-gunner, was the hero of the day. He accounted for one of the Japanese raiders after a duel in which his own machine was riddled by machine-gun fire.

The enemy machine was sent down in a streak of flame over Siakwan-yingchiao, forty kilometres southeast of Chungking.

The other machine, a heavy bomber, was shot down above the Chien River, by cross fire from several Chinese pursuits.

During the Japanese raid, scores of bombs were dumped on the suburbs of the city.

Earlier in the morning, some 50 Japanese planes in several groups raided various places in Szechuan, including Hokiang, Yungchuan and Chikiang. —Central News.

The first meeting of the Council of the Anti-Tuberculosis Association is to be held in the Legislative Council Chamber on Monday of next week at 5.15 p.m.

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ITALIAN TROOP MOVEMENTS CREATE ALARM

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GENERAL IMPRESSION NOW IS THAT ITALY WILL PROBABLY ENTER THE WAR ON THE SIDE OF GERMANY AROUND JUNE 6.

The whole country is gripped by the war fever and military preparations are being rushed to completion; reservists are being called up individually.

Civilians are evacuating the cities while bellicose demonstrations are taking place constantly. A heated demonstration took place at the Mussolini Stadium during a meeting attended by the Duce and members of the Japanese mission visiting Rome.

After a competition, youngsters assembled in the centre of the Stadium sang patriotic songs while machine-gun salvos were fired and banners unfurled on which was the one word "War."

Another significant measure is the official announcement that the use of private cars will be prohibited throughout Italy from June 12. Meanwhile, much concern has been caused in Belgrade, and especially in the coastal districts, by Italian concentrations in Albania, where 150,000 troops have been assembled.

Troops At Zara

Five thousand Italian troops recently arrived at Zara, which is the Italian enclave on the Yugoslav coast.

Observers in the Yugo-slav capital fear an Italian attack in the direction of Nich, with the aim of cutting off Yugo-slavia from Greece, and military preparations are being speeded as a consequence.

The Italians state these troop concentrations are only due to Mussolini's desire to prevent the belligerents from extending the conflict to the Adriatic.

A message from Istanbul says it is unconfirmably reported there that Italian ships at present in Turkish waters have received orders to return to Italy immediately.—Havas.

WOMAN CHARGED WITH MURDER

Kwan Lai-chun, 31, married woman, was again before Mr. T. J. Houston this morning, charged with murder of Lam Li-kwai, with a chopper at Hee Wong Terrace, West Point, on May 12.

Hearing was fixed for June 3 and 4 at 2.30 p.m.

Inspector L. R. Whant is in charge of the case.



Very Dark Blooze

"Kindly rest on your ears, Timothy. That contraption is getting you nowhere. And it squeaks. And the Eton Boating Song is not in the key of D."

"What's up, Peter? Got a head?"

"Like a gasometer. Very painful. And that noise you're making goes through it like a pneumatic drill."

"Wasn't I on the warpath by your side? And look at me — no more hangover than an innocent little child!"

"Well, it's not natural. It just

proves that the Devil looks after his own."

"I look after myself, old son. Last night I took a sizeable swig of Rose's Lime Juice before hitting the hay. That's how to kill off the aftermath of alcohol."

"You wouldn't lead me up the garden, Timothy?"

"Peter, you wrong me. I've seen the light and I'm passing on the tip."

"Then, if you will kindly step ashore, we will seek out a vendor of Rose's. It's time I fell into good habits."

ROME, TO-DAY.

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PEACE OR WAR FOR ITALY? GRIM SIGNS

"Natural Sphere Of The Mediterranean"

Mussolini Confers With General Graziani

ROME, TO-DAY.
THE QUESTION OF PEACE OR WAR FOR ITALY REMAINS THE PARAMOUNT PREOCCUPATION OF EVERYONE IN ROME.

Signor Ansaldi, editor of Count Ciano's newspaper "Telegrafo," concluded his weekly broadcast yesterday by saying "For every blow Hitler strikes against the Allies we shall strike a corresponding blow in our natural sphere of action in the Mediterranean."

Mussolini yesterday conferred with General Graziani, General in charge of mobilisation, and the Chief Air Raids Precautions officer, and also saw the heads of armament factories regarding faster and more extensive production.—Reuter.

TIME COME FOR DECISION

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Rome, To-day.
Intervention on the side of Germany is urged by the semi-official paper "Relazioni Internazionali."

The paper says: "Britain and France maintain an obstinately negative attitude and the Italian people know they must use arms to realise their legitimate aspirations."

"The time for a decision has come and there is no room for cowards or people obsessed by moral pre-occupations."

"The Italian people await the Duce's order to open the way to security and development of the Empire."

"Germany is nearing her objectives and so is Italy. The Italian people will break their Mediterranean chains and find the open ocean before them."—Havas.

TRAPEZE CRASH AT CIRCUS

A serious accident occurred at the Circus, Mongkok, during the performance yesterday afternoon.

While Serge Potoff was performing a particularly dangerous feat of the trapeze, looping the loop, a wire broke and the acrobat hurtled fifty feet to the floor of the ring.

He was taken to the Kowloon Hospital obviously badly injured and it is feared that his spine was broken. The result of the X-ray examination is not yet known.

The performer is 35 years of age.

BLACK-OUT ORDERED THROUGHOUT EGYPT

Alexandria, To-day.

The authorities have ordered a black-out throughout the country between 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. Hitherto the black-out has only been imposed along the sea front.—Reuter.

ITALIAN CONSUL IN INCIDENT

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Tientsin, To-day.
The new Italian Consul, Signor Brigidi, was involved in a barrier incident at the entrance of the blockaded Concession last night.

While exact details are unavailable, it is understood the Japanese sentry slapped the Chinese driver from a consulate car wearing Italian police uniform because he did not halt for examination. The driver slapped back the sentry following which the Japanese military arrested him.

Signor Brigidi, driving in the other car, alighted and followed the Japanese soldiers and the driver into the examination hut, where he remained for several hours negotiating for the driver's release.—Havas.

CONTRABAND PEACE?

London, To-day.
Sir Wilfred Greene, Master of the Rolls, who has been to Rome to attend a meeting of Anglo-Italian Joint Standing Committee on matters relating to Contraband Control, was due to return to London last evening.

Proposals made by the Italian authorities in this connection are regarded by him as affording a very satisfactory basis for agreement. The British and Italian representatives are engaged working out the details in Rome.—British Wireless.

PARACHUTISTS GET HOT RECEPTION

London, To-day.
A wounded soldier who has just returned from the Front tells of how his unit turned Bren machine-guns on German parachutists as they floated down.

"A score of them were dead before they hit the ground," he says.
"I saw a dozen in women's clothes. We got them all."—Reuter.

AMERICANS SOUND ALARM IN MALTA

Malta, To-day.
The American Consul yesterday advised all Americans to leave Malta for the United States at the earliest possible moment.—Reuter.

HEALTH DRIVE IN PEIPING

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.
A large-scale campaign for the prevention of the spread of contagious diseases in the summer is being conducted by the local authorities. Vaccination units are posted at the city gates and a fly elimination campaign is in full swing.—Havas.

RALLY AT HOUR OF DANGER

BERNE, TO-DAY.
IT IS A PECULIARITY OF THE ENGLISH CHARACTER, SAYS THE "BASLER NACHRICHTEN", THAT IT ONLY DEVELOPS ITS FULL POWER IN MOMENTS OF GREAT DANGER.

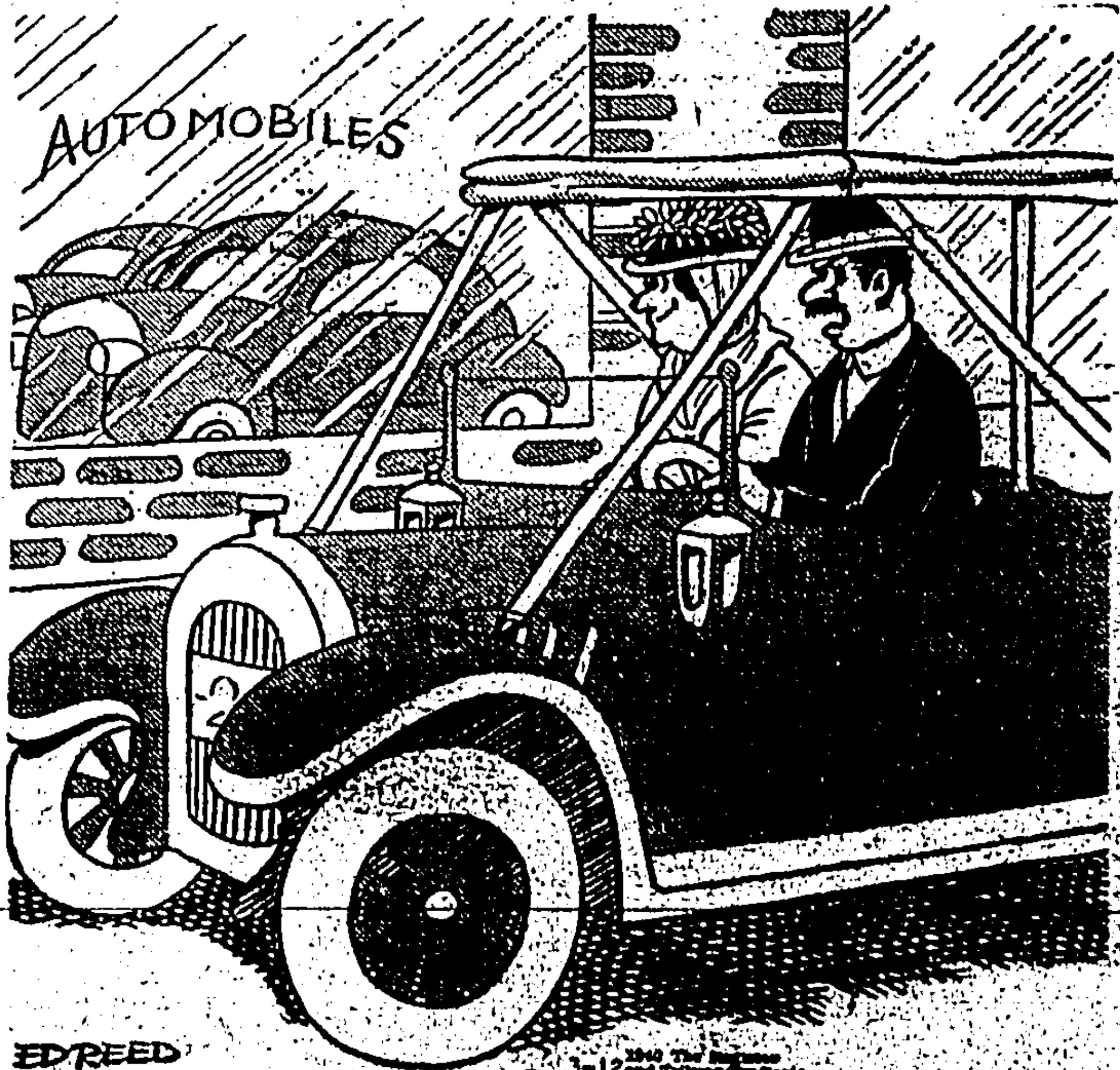
The spirit which pervades the English people in all crises was well expressed by Lord Rosebery: "At the time of the greatest Napoleonic peril none thought of yielding or of the possibility of asking for peace."

Can it be that this spirit is any different to-day, asks the paper?—Reuter.

N. Z. FORMS NEW WAR CABINET

Wellington, To-day.
Mr. Fraser, the New Zealand Prime Minister, announces the formation of a War Cabinet, made up of Cabinet Ministers, members of the Opposition and representatives of the employers, Trade Unions and farmers.—Reuter.

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IRONSIDE TO COMMAND HOME DEFENCE FORCES

General Sir John Dill Becomes C.I.G.S.

London, To-day.

GENERAL SIR EDMUND IRONSIDE has been appointed Commander-in-Chief of the Home Forces instead of General Sir Walter Kirke, who is to be retired.

General Sir John Dill replaces General Ironside as Chief of the General Staff.

It is explained in well-informed London circles that the changes have been brought about by the developments in the situation and the necessity of placing the defence of Britain against possible invasion in the strongest possible hands.

It is learned the appointment of General Ironside and General Dill is proof of the very great importance the Government attach to perfecting by any means in their power the strength of Britain's home defence. The question of home defence is now one of paramount importance, Reuter was told, and General Ironside's new post is one to which only a soldier of his strategy and experience would be appointed.

No Analogies

The idea of an enemy invasion of Britain has been so far from reality in the past 100 years that it is necessary to place those defences on an entirely new footing.

It is emphasised that General Ironside's appointment is in no way a criticism of the manner in which General Kirke carried out his task.

The change in the High Command, Reuter is informed, is in no way analogous to the French army changes announced on Saturday night.

No-one has been "relieved of their command" but the extreme seriousness of the situation as a whole and the rapid growth of the German threat to the Channel ports made it necessary for immediate intensification of action on the home front.—Reuter.

In General Ironside the Government

have chosen a commander who possesses exceptional gifts of energy and drive and has a deservedly great reputation for these qualities abroad.

General Dill, who recently became Vice-Chief of the Imperial General Staff, is the obvious successor to General Ironside and the appointment will cause general satisfaction at home and abroad.

Special Order

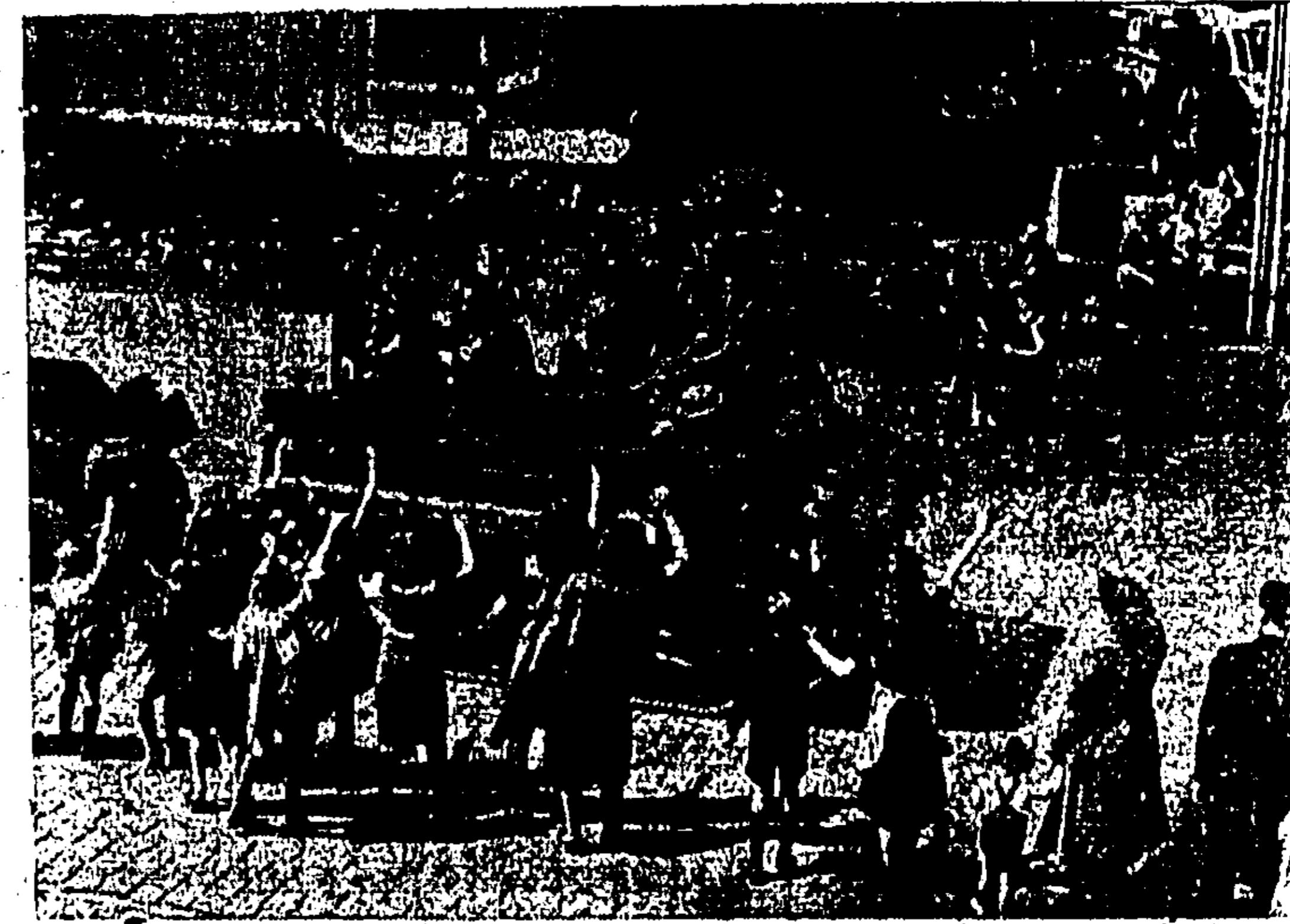
General Kirke has issued the following special order: "On handing over my command I desire to express to all ranks my thanks for their never failing support and my confidence in their ability to meet all dangers in the spirit which British soldiers have ever displayed in the hour of trial. Under the inspiring leadership of my successor you will, I know, play your part in the struggle for liberty with the utmost courage and determination. Goodbye and good luck."—British Wireless.

MRS. ROOSEVELT'S RED CROSS APPEAL

Washington, To-day.

Broadcasting a nationwide appeal on behalf of the Red Cross War Relief Fund, Mrs. Roosevelt said: "If we turn away from the need of others we align ourselves with those forces which are bringing about this suffering and which we must eventually try to defeat."

She appealed to Americans to "give as never before," adding: "One



Belgians welcome British armoured vehicles as they pass through a Belgian town. (Copyright, Fox).

'INFORMER' GAOLED

CHARGED WITH MISLEADING CHIEF DETECTIVE INSPECTOR A. E. CAREY BY GIVING HIM FALSE INFORMATION, CHAN HUNG, 24, AND WONG PUI, 30, APPEARED BEFORE MR. Q. A. A. MACFADYEN THIS MORNING.

Chan was fined \$50 or one month's hard labour while Wong, who pleaded not guilty, was discharged.

On Saturday morning, Chan accused went to Hung Hom Police Station, stating that an armed robbery was to be committed last night or to-night by four persons, armed with revolvers, at a house occupied by a building contractor, in the Hung Hom district. A European Sergeant accompanied them to Inspector Carey's office, where they told the same story, and added that the robbers were living in a hut in Shek Kip Mei Village.

The police did not believe the story, but asked them to accompany the police to arrest the robbers early yesterday morning. They promised and left the Inspector's office.

Ten minutes later, they returned and confessed they had told a false story.

Inspector Carey said they made the false report to obtain a reward and, in fact, Chan Hung was given \$1 by the Chinese detective to whom he gave the first information.

TRIPLE COLLISION

Three cars were involved in collisions occurred in Castle Peak Road yesterday morning as the result of the action of the first of a line of four cars in pulling up suddenly.

Mrs. Poole, of Kennedy Town Slaughter House, who was driving the second car managed to pull up in time, but Mr. L. Skinner, of the Telephone Company, driving the third car, collided with the rear of Mrs. Poole's and Mr. Midhurst, of 178, Nathan Road, struck the rear of Mr. Skinner's car.

The bumpers and mudguards of the three cars were damaged but no person was injured.

EXPULSION ORDER

Wong Kwan, 22, was ordered to be expelled from the Colony as a fugitive by Mr. T. J. Houston this morning for stealing a ladies' overcoat from No. 4, Fort Street, the property of Mr. Epstein.

Defendant was given a dollar from the "poor box" to help him on leaving the Colony.

Sergeant Pockson prosecuted.

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40 PLANES IN FOUR HOURS

The Air Ministry states that between 5.30 a.m. and 9.30 a.m. yesterday, R.A.F. squadrons shot down at least 20 enemy bombers and fighters and put another 20 out of action. There were only five British casualties. A continuous air battle was fought over the French coast between Calais and Dunkirk. Pilots reported "The air was filled with aircraft." —Reuter.

INTENSIVE BOMBING OF GERMAN COMMUNICATIONS TROOPS AND SUPPLY BASES

THE AIR MINISTRY NEWS SERVICE STATES THAT TROOP TRAINS AND IMPORTANT RAILWAY JUNCTIONS IN NORTH-WEST GERMANY AND ENEMY OCCUPIED AREAS WERE SUCCESSFULLY BOMBED DURING FRIDAY NIGHT'S EXTENSIVE OPERATIONS.

Attacking the aerodrome at Flushing at midnight, the R.A.F. caused considerable damage to hangars and also dropped incendiary bombs which started many fires, which were observed still burning two hours later.

Bridges over the canal linking the rivers Meuse and Rhine were bombed from a low altitude and badly damaged.

Other aircraft heavily bombed north Geldern a few miles from Germany, and destroyed a troop train and a goods train.

Ten machineguns on the roof of the train opened fire. A member of the bomber crew said: "We ran through a curtain of green tracer bullets and dropped a salvo.

"The noise was deafening: we saw large bits of carriage and truck flying in all directions."

Railway junctions were attacked at Jemelle, Libramont, and Recogne, where a large explosion followed the bombing of an ammunition dump and petrol depot.

Direct Hit

A train was bombed on a viaduct near Namur, and a direct hit caused half the train to disappear.

Many other convoys were bombed and machinegunned.

The railway junction at Louvain was set on fire and the junction at St. Quentin heavily bombed.

Attacks were made on marshalling yards and aerodromes in Germany.

A pilot who successfully bombed an aerodrome north-east of Dortmund said on his return that he had seen a fire blazing in the Ruhr, showing that another raider had found the target. —Reuter.

Bombers Hit Back

London, To-day. Attacked by fighters on Sunday, British bombers replied vigorously with their rear guns and one Messerschmidt turned over and crashed.

Another section of bombers fighting its way out to sea over French territory was closely pressed by a Messerschmidt 109 which came under closer range fire of one of the bomber's guns. Pieces of the Messerschmidt fell away and with its engine on fire the enemy fighter broke off the engagement. —British Wireless.

NO NEGOTIATIONS WITH WANG CHING-WEI

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Chungking, To-day. The Waichiaopou yesterday categorically denied foreign press reports asserting that negotiations are being carried out between Chungking and

London, To-day.

Another 20 enemy bombers and fighters were put out of action.

No such negotiations are taking place, it is emphasized. —Hayas.

GROWING TOTAL OF NAZI AIR LOSSES

London, To-day.

The superiority of the R.A.F. in fighting quality is indisputable and there is evidence in the growing total of German losses.

On Saturday, 25 German bombers were brought down, at the cost of one British pilot's life.

One pilot came down with one engine out of action, his fuselage disabled and his controls almost shot away.

He was a member of the squadron which accounted for 18 Nazi planes, 11 in one fight. On Saturday, they shot down six, while it is probable that they also accounted for two more Messerschmidts.

While attacking the enemy, a Flight-Lieutenant found his "Splitfire" shaking; he had flown through anti-aircraft fire without knowing it.

Over The Air

Another pilot was given up as lost; suddenly, his comrades heard his voice coming over the radio, announcing that he had shot down two German planes.

A squadron of Hurricanes which encountered a group of 50 Junkers-87's shot down six definitely, and probably two more.

In one fight, a Hurricane pilot found he was nearly crashing into a Henschel; he fired at it point-blank. The German plane went down in flames. —Reuter.

EXTENSIVE RAIDS IN RHINELAND

London, To-day.

THE AIR MINISTRY ANNOUNCES that heavy bombers of the R.A.F. carried out further extensive operations against the enemy throughout Saturday night.

Targets successfully attacked in the Rhineland included railway junctions, sidings and marshalling yards.

Many important objectives on the enemy's lines of communication were also bombed. Dumps were exploded and supply depots set on fire.

Two of our bombers were lost in these operations.

Medium bombers, operating from the south of Britain and France, again made successful attacks by day and night on enemy armoured vehicles, ammunition dumps and artillery.

Four of these aircraft are missing.

Fighter activity was less intense on Saturday owing to the weather conditions but some 20 enemy aircraft were shot down with a loss of four British fighters.

Yesterday over 40 enemy aircraft were destroyed or seriously damaged while seven of our fighters are missing. —Reuter.

Four "Lost" Get Home

Four of our fighters, reported missing on Thursday, have since returned to their aerodromes in France.

Reconnaissance aircraft of the Coastal Command found the oil tanks at Rotterdam still burning yesterday morning after the recent bombing attack. They took the opportunity to bomb several more and set them on fire. —Reuter.

GOEBBELS GOES ON UNDISCOURAGED

London, To-day. The Berlin wireless has broadcast a special announcement claiming that an aircraft-carrier was bombed and sunk off the Norwegian coast.

In London, informed circles state there is no truth whatsoever in the above claim. —Reuter.

Wang Ching-wei.

No such negotiations are taking place, it is emphasized. —Hayas.

JAPAN'S WAR SUPPLIES ENDANGERED

WASHINGTON, To-day.

THE DEFENCE REQUIREMENTS OF THE UNITED STATES THREATEN TO CUT OFF SUPPLIES OF WAR MATERIAL FROM JAPAN, INCLUDING SCRAP METAL.

The House of Representatives has already agreed to amend the Military Defence Bill authorising the curtailment of military equipment, machinery and munitions.

Passing of the amendment by the Senate is practically certain. —Reuter.

NAZI CLAIM RIDICULED

London, To-day. Reuter learns that a German claim to have bombed aerodromes in England is ridiculed in well-informed circles.

It is presumed the Germans refer to the raids on Yorkshire and East Anglia which were already reported by the Air Ministry and in which no damage was done beyond that already announced. —Reuter.

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MIRROR OF WORLD OPINION

THE LONG-PULL STRATEGY

In the war news reports from China appears the statement that spectacular victories of Chinese over Japanese invaders in Central China are ascribed to superior strategy. To get at the correctness of that statement it is necessary to go far back. To the Chinese commander in the field in this particular case might be due the credit of using good strategy, but it was not the field strategy in the current battle that actually accounted for this turn of the fortunes of war.

The strategy deserving the big share of the credit is the basic line of defence employed by the Chinese, the policy of wearing the invaders down and tiring them to death, physically and economically. That is the strategy that is beginning to produce telling results.

When the Japanese armies began to get bogged down in China the Chinese strategy started to work, but has taken a long time for material results to show. The strategy is such that the turn of the tide is slow-action. It looks now as if the tide actually has turned, but only the super-optimist can jump at the conclusion that the dislodging of the invaders can be rapid-action. Nothing short of a blow-up of some kind at home can take the Japanese out of China on high speed, and indications of a near approach to the blow-up at home are not to be found in the facts available for the outside world. The weight of evidence supports the theory that the war is far from finished and that Japanese armies will occupy large parts of China for a long time yet.

Some political observers are inclined to speculate on a Japanese stroke at the Netherlands East Indies to save face in connection with the failures in China. The big point in support of that line of argument is the fact that seizure of the Dutch possessions would be relatively easy, much easier just now than meeting the wear-down strategy of the Chinese armies in China's deep interior. The East Indies would be a neat prize of war for Japan but not large enough to make up for general failure in the China conquest.

Furthermore the officially-declared and officially-repeated American attitude towards the status quo of the Philippine neighbours puts a decidedly different light on that which Japan would be undertaking in efforts to move in on the East Indies.

A dashing stroke might easily produce quick victories for the time being, but again the long-plan strategy would have to determine net results.

—“Manila Bulletin.”

RUMANIA TALKS BACK

When a State of Germany's size capitulates to a State like Rumania, it is indeed news. But that happens about as often as a man bites a dog. Reports out of Bucharest that Germany has “bowed” to Rumanian terms in a trade dispute are therefore not particularly impressive.

The dispute concerned the trade arrangements between Germany and Rumania. The Third Reich keeps continuous pressure on Rumania in order to assure the German armies of as much oil as may be squeezed out of Germany's small neighbour. Other raw materials also are involved.

Wherever the German barter system operates, continuous negotiations accompany trade. Sometimes, no doubt, one side yields a point, sometimes the other. Lately the German negotiators have had to work with a shrinking list of merchandise which Germany can offer Rumania in return for Rumanian products. On purely commercial grounds Rumania naturally would resist the increasingly unfavourable terms.

But resistance may have political consequences, against which Rumania needs to keep intact the balance which British guarantees already provide. This fact would account for the Rumanian claims to a “victory” over Germany at the council table. Obviously such reports are for consumption elsewhere than in Germany.

At the moment Balkan floods would provide Rumania with excuses if Berlin inquired about delayed deliveries. But German authorities would want to know something about those strange reports from Bucharest—unless they already did know, which is the very possibility that makes the reports unimpressive.—“Christian Science Monitor.”

THE NAZIS ON BRITISH HISTORY

It is amusing to learn that the Nazis have organised a department which is to discover and to describe the crimes of the British Empire. This is called a serious and scientific undertaking. These terms might mislead us if we knew nothing more about it. Fortunately we know a good deal more. Some define the difference between objective and partisan history by saying that in the first case the document speaks to the writer and in the second the writer speaks to the document. In this case the scientific historian is instructed to show that certain vices persist throughout British history: hypocrisy, treaty-breaking, robbery, and violence. The documents must behave like good Nazis and say what they are told to say. The result, we may be sure, will be all that is desired.

This is a tempting task. For if anybody wants to know about British crimes he cannot do better than study British literature. So distinguished and loyal an Englishman as Mr. Chesterton wrote a book to which he gave the name “The Crimes of England.” It was Karl Marx who pointed out that Britain has received an unfair amount of attention from the critics of capitalism just because her Blue-books and her reformers brought the abuses and the cruelties of the Industrial Revolution into the daylight. Of the crimes committed in our history in the last four centuries few have gone unnoticed and unblamed by Englishmen. The Nazis seize on this with delight, and the Nazi historians are directed to make full use of British material. It seems to them convincing proof that we are and always have been rascals. They are temperamentally unable to understand that self-criticism is a secret of strength in politics and in culture. All history is a mixture of black and white. No Nazis blame the Nazi rulers. Those rulers may break what treaties they please, invade what countries they please. If an historian one day presents their bad history to the world he will not go to the Nazi sources for criticism. That history so far as the Nazis are concerned is all white. If, on the other hand, a man wants to study the history of Athens in the fifth century B.C. he finds plenty of material for condemning her in the writings of her dramatists, her philosophers, and her historians. The Nazi with his blind tribal fanaticism does not understand that this is one of the reasons why Athens left her spell upon the world. If a society cannot criticise itself, its art, its literature, and its culture lose vitality and depth.

—“Manchester Guardian.”

Allies Holding Germans: No More Surprises TIDE MAY TURN AT ANY TIME

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

THE GERMANS HOLD PART of Boulogne, the French the rest. Both Calais, towards which the Germans are driving, and Dunkirk are held strongly by Allied troops and do not seem to be menaced at the moment.

Allied troops are, in fact, holding the Germans. The time for enemy surprises is past, say semi-official circles in Paris, and at any time — perhaps even to-day — the risks the Germans have taken will turn against them. — Havas.

Battle Of Boulogne

Paris, To-day. A French military spokesman said yesterday that the British, French and Belgian armies have been successfully battering back enemy attempts to break through.

A correspondent reports that hundreds of refugees in Boulogne were bombed and machine-gunned by Nazi planes without mercy. Many must have been killed and hundreds wounded.

Three destroyers came into the harbour and opened fire on German gun emplacements on the hill; the guns were put out of action.

While this was going on, women, children and wounded soldiers were being embarked on the destroyers. — Reuter.

**B.E.F. Goes To Aid
Of Belgians**

London, To-day. British G.H.Q. have issued a communique stating there was no serious attack yesterday on the British front.

The enemy launched a strong offensive against the Belgian forces on our left, and British troops have gone to the assistance of our Allies.

There have been heavy bombing attacks on towns in the back areas.

The events of the last few days have not impaired the courage and resource of the British soldier.

One tank by itself yesterday destroyed seven enemy armoured fighting vehicles. — Reuter.

B.E.F. Magnificent

London, To-day. It was confirmed in London last night that Allied troops are still holding Calais.

Fighting side by side with Allied troops the B.E.F. has repulsed all enemy attacks and is fighting magnificently. — Reuter.

**Violent German Attacks On
Valenciennes Repulsed**

Paris, To-day. According to military circles here, French troops are firmly holding the ports of Calais, Dunkirk and Zeebrugge.

A fierce battle raged all day yesterday on either side of Valenciennes, where the Germans launched two strong attacks on Sunday morning.

No indication of the final outcome of these battles can yet be given, but it was reported late on Sunday afternoon that the French troops had repulsed all German attacks and inflicted heavy losses on the enemy.

At other points on the front the Germans failed to break through the positions of the Allied armies in the north, either on the River Lys, in the region of Courtrai, or in the west.

Above all the day was one of aerial activity. Both the French and British air forces were extremely active, carrying out intense bombing operations over the whole region of the north as well as the German rear and Nazi

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columns on the march. — Reuter.

Calais In Allied Hands

London, To-day. German claims that Calais is in German hands are declared in authoritative circles in London to be without foundation.

It is added that, as has been emphasised from both British and French sources, Calais remains in the possession of the Allies. — Reuter.

**HOSPITAL
SHIPS REACH
ENGLAND**

London, To-day. Three hospital ships arrived at a south coast port yesterday with several hundred wounded from France. Fourteen died on the way across.

A seaman on one of the ships said the Germans severely bombed the harbour from which they sailed on Saturday, and bombs dropped less than 300 feet away as wounded were being taken on board.

Fires were raging in the town and they could see flames and smoke when many miles out at sea. — Reuter.

**FULL-BLOODED
OFFENSIVES
IN BELGIUM**

Paris, To-day. The military spokesman states that the attacks on the Allied armies in Belgium on Saturday were full-blooded offensives in which artillery, aircraft and tanks participated.

In the attack on the Lys the opposing forces swayed backwards and forwards but finally the original positions were fully maintained.

Two other attacks were also launched on fronts six to 10 miles wide, and both completely failed. — Reuter.

**BELGIAN MINISTERS
IN LONDON**

London, To-day. The Belgian Prime Minister and Foreign Minister and the Ministers of Interior and Defence, arrived in London yesterday, where they were met by the Belgian Finance Minister who had been in London a few days.

The Prime Minister, M. Pierlot, and the Foreign Minister, M. Spaak, visited the Foreign Secretary, Lord Halifax. — Reuter.

**DESTROYER
WESSEX
LOST**

London, To-day. The Admiralty announces that the destroyer Wessex has been lost as the result of damage from enemy air attacks while engaged with other naval units off the French coast. Six ratings were killed and 15 wounded. — Reuter.

**KING OF
BELGIANS
AT FRONT**

London, To-day. The King of the Belgians is in the midst of his troops, and the Government is remaining with their Sovereign, declared M. Paul Hymans, former Belgian Foreign Minister, in a statement to the Belgian news agency yesterday.

M. Hymans added that when the German attack began on May 10 the Belgian army, which had been on guard at the frontier for six months, amounted to 700,000 men, and all men

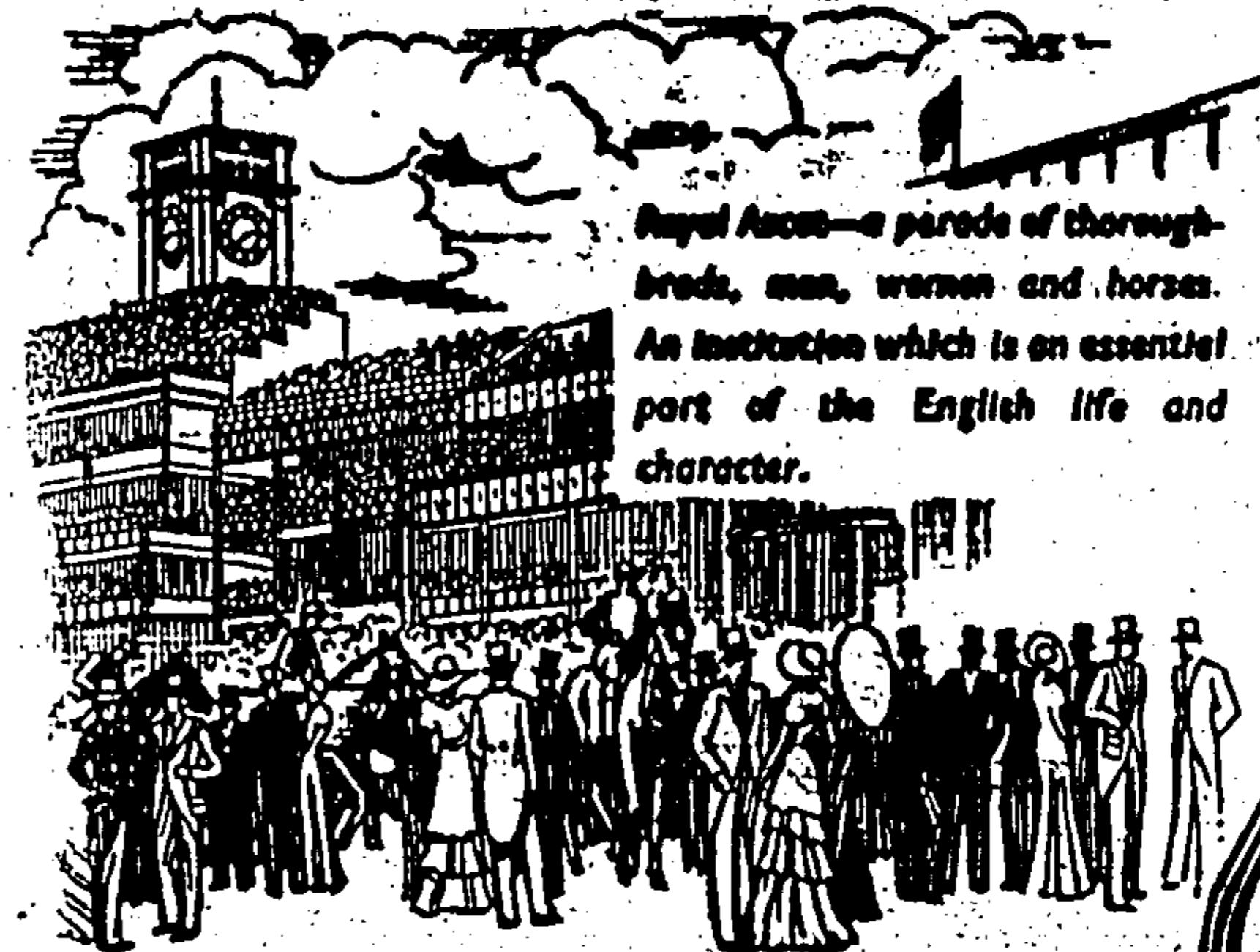
**EVACUATION
ORDERS IN
ENGLISH
COAST PORTS**

London, To-day. It is announced that the Government has decided, since Holland and parts of Belgium and northern France are in enemy occupation, the following towns on the south-east coast will become evacuation areas:—

Great Yarmouth,
Lowestoft,
Felixstowe,
Harwich,
Clacton,
Frinton, and Walton,
Southend,
Margate,
Ramsgate, Broadstairs,
Sandwich,
Dover,
Deal and Folkestone.

Arrangements are being made for children whose parents wish them to go to safer districts in the Midlands and Wales. The movement starts next Sunday. — Reuter.

up to 35 were called up in addition. Large numbers of young Belgians imbued with the highest patriotism were now receiving military training on French soil, and as a result the total Belgian military strength would ultimately amount to over 1,000,000 men. — Reuter.

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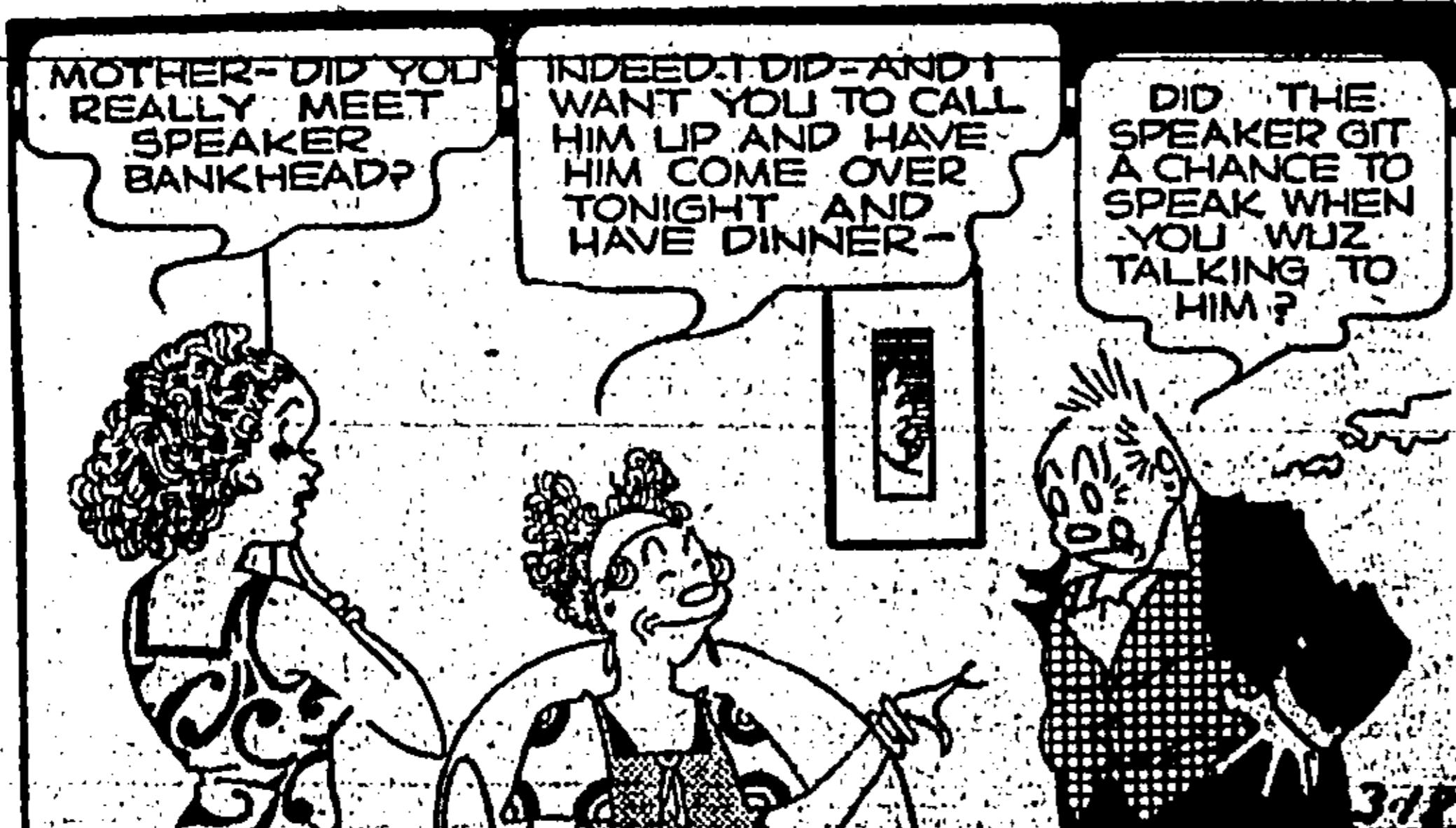
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Lody, under arrest, proved himself to be as frank as a child.

Carl Lody was tried in one of the most beautiful and impressive courts of justice in all England—the Middlesex Guildhall—and since his activities brought him within the purview of international military law, his trial was a court-martial in form.

The constitution of the court had many points of interest. It was composed of a General officer—General Lord Cheylesmore—and nine senior officers. These ten acted as both judges and jury.

Lody was represented by Mr. George Elliott, K.C., a famous criminal advocate of that time.

There was a thrill in court when Mr. Elliott announced his intention of putting his client in the witness-box. Lody, still escorted by the two soldiers with fixed bayonets, walked across to the witness-box and took the oath.

The story he told was simple, straightforward and had the hall-mark of truth. He had begun life as a seaman, serving on German, Norwegian and British ships. He had travelled up and down the world and spent much time in the United States, where he acquired his fluent English.

He had joined the Imperial German Navy as a reserve Lieutenant, but after that, in 1912, had returned to America, where he

By

GEORGE GODWIN

had married an American girl of German descent. This marriage had been dissolved and Lody found himself once more in Germany when war broke out.

In July, during those crucial days before the declaration of war, Lody had reported to the Naval Headquarters in Berlin. He had had a severe operation, and was graded unfit for sea service. But he was asked by a high officer if he would undertake espionage work in England for the Fatherland?

It was at this point that Lody's counsel asked if he would give the name of this high officer. Lody paused. He was obviously near the end of his tether. His distress was such, indeed, that the President signalled for a court official to hand him a glass of water.

Lody drank and then said in a voice shaken by deep emotion: "I have pledged my word of honour not to give that name. I cannot do it." He then began to sob quietly, and he seemed to be dazed. But presently he pulled himself together and, turning towards the President, said: "I beg pardon. My nerves have given way."

Though he stuck to his resolve to reveal no names, Lody did reveal the nature of his instructions. "I was to choose my way through England," he said, "to New York and give notice of my safe arrival in England. I was to remain until the first encounter had taken place between the two Powers, and to send accurate information as regards the actual losses of the British Fleet."

The great trial lasted three days and much of it was heard in camera. The final speech for Lody was an admission of guilt coupled with a pious hope for clemency and a definition of the position of a member of the English Bar in that position.

"My client," said Mr. Elliott, bravely doing his best, "knows the penalty to which he has rendered himself liable, and he will accept his fate in the same spirit of manhood which prompted him to carry his life in his hands when he came to this country."

Lody was found "Guilty" and consigned to the Tower of London to await execution. He was duly shot on November 11. But before dying he wrote to his relatives in Germany the letter that follows:

"My Dear Ones—I have trusted in God and He has decided that my hour has come and I must start on the journey through the dark valley like so many of my comrades in this terrible war of nations. May my life be honoured as a humble offering on the altar of the Fatherland."

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By George McManus

N.Z. PILOT'S EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCE

London, To-day.

A YOUNG NEW ZEALAND fighter pilot has just brought his damaged Hurricane safe to England from France after an extraordinary experience. The aircraft was severely damaged before the pilot left on the journey home. The gunsights were gone and the only instruments working were his compass, oil temperature and pressure gauges.

He had only his eight machine guns, loaded with ordinary ammunition. The starboard petrol tank was leaking so he decided to land at an aerodrome in Northern France to refuel before continuing his flight to England.

When approaching the aerodrome he saw part of the town nearby was in flames and just as he was preparing to come down he observed two Dorniers 215 begin a dive bombing attack on the aerodrome.

Immediately he got on the tail of one and gave it two short bursts. There was no doubt he hit the enemy aircraft although he had no gunsights. The second German machine tried to escape in the clouds but the Hurricane pilot followed it, blazing away with his gun. Having got rid of the two Dorniers, the New Zealander was about to land when he was attacked by a number of Messerschmidt fighters.

Occasional Bursts

Unable to cope with all of them immediately, he circled the town for about ten minutes, giving them occasional bursts. When he landed at the aerodrome, he found his starboard tank spurting petrol.

He had his port tank fuelled and with a bayonet widened the holes in the punctured tank to allow the fuel to escape. Then he took off again with only 50 rounds left in each of his eight machine-guns.

"With only that small amount of ammunition, I was almost helpless," he said later.

Just Luck

"It was just my luck to run into another formation of Messerschmidts when I was practically out of petrol. Anyway I gave the leader a burst as he came head-on for me. I am sure I hit him and I dived down past him towards the ground. After that I just put my skates on for home."

The aircraft was decorated with a coat-of-arms the pilot designed himself. It incorporates most of the unlucky signs. In the centre is the figure 13 and round it a broken mirror, a sketch of a man walking under a ladder and another showing three cigarettes being lighted from one match. Under this challenge to bad luck, the New Zealander printed this inscription: "What The Hell."—British Wireless.

THIS SPY WAS SHOT IN THE TOWER

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"A hero's death on the battlefield is certainly finer, but such is not to be my lot, and I die here in the enemy country, silent and unknown, but the consciousness that I die in the service of the Fatherland makes death easy."

"To-morrow," he concluded, "I shall be shot, here in the Tower. It is a consolation to me that I am not treated as a spy. I have had just judges, and I shall die as an officer, not as a spy. Farewell, and God bless you, Hans."

About this simple man, who, as a spy, revealed himself as a complete amateur, has grown up a legend. Lody has become for many the Master Spy. It is, however, a legend and no more.

Lody had all the qualities most prominent in the character of seafaring men. He was simple, direct, instinctively truthful and intensely loyal. As a spy his end was inevitable and nothing—but gross stupidity could have assigned to this sailor so onerous and difficult a task.

LABOUR UNIONS TO BE CRUSHED IN JAPAN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

TOKYO, YESTERDAY.
THE GOVERNMENT HAS DEFINITELY DECIDED TO DISBAND ALL LABOUR UNIONS THROUGHOUT JAPAN, THE WELFARE MINISTER, MR. SHIGERU YOSHIDA, TOLD THE PRESS TO-DAY.

He added the administrative authorities were entrusted with execution of the decision.

"Existing labour regulations," he said, "must be revised because they were originally drafted on the basis of recognition of the right to strike and on the admission of opposition between labour and capital." — Havas.

ITALO-JAPANESE TRADE TALKS

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

ROME, TO-DAY.
AIMING AT A READJUSTMENT OF THE AGREEMENTS OF 1938, ITALY, JAPAN AND MANCHUKUO HAVE STARTED TRADE PARLEYS WHICH ARE NEARING A SATISFACTORY CONCLUSION.

Their main object is to develop exports of Japanese manufactured goods and raw materials to Ethiopia, and apparently Ethiopia will purchase some goods in Japan which hitherto have been purchased in Italy.

This substitution of Italian goods by Japanese mainly aims at avoiding the Suez Canal by Italian shipping. Members of the Japanese mission were entertained at luncheon by King Victor. — Havas.

CHINESE ENVOY IN ARABIA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Cairo, To-day.
The newly-appointed Chinese Consul-General in Saudi Arabia has arrived at Jiddah, where he was welcomed by the local authorities in the name of King Ibn Saud.

The Chinese envoy, who is a Moslem, is proceeding to the Saudi capital where he will present his credentials as China's first chargé d'affaires.

His position is especially important in view of the great number of Chinese Moslems who are making the pilgrimage to Mecca.—Havas.

BELGIAN BANKNOTE CONTROL

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day.
The Belgian Embassy announces that at the request of the Belgian National Bank the exchange of Belgian banknotes will be limited to 2,000 francs per person, with a maximum per fortnight of 5,000 francs per family.—Havas.

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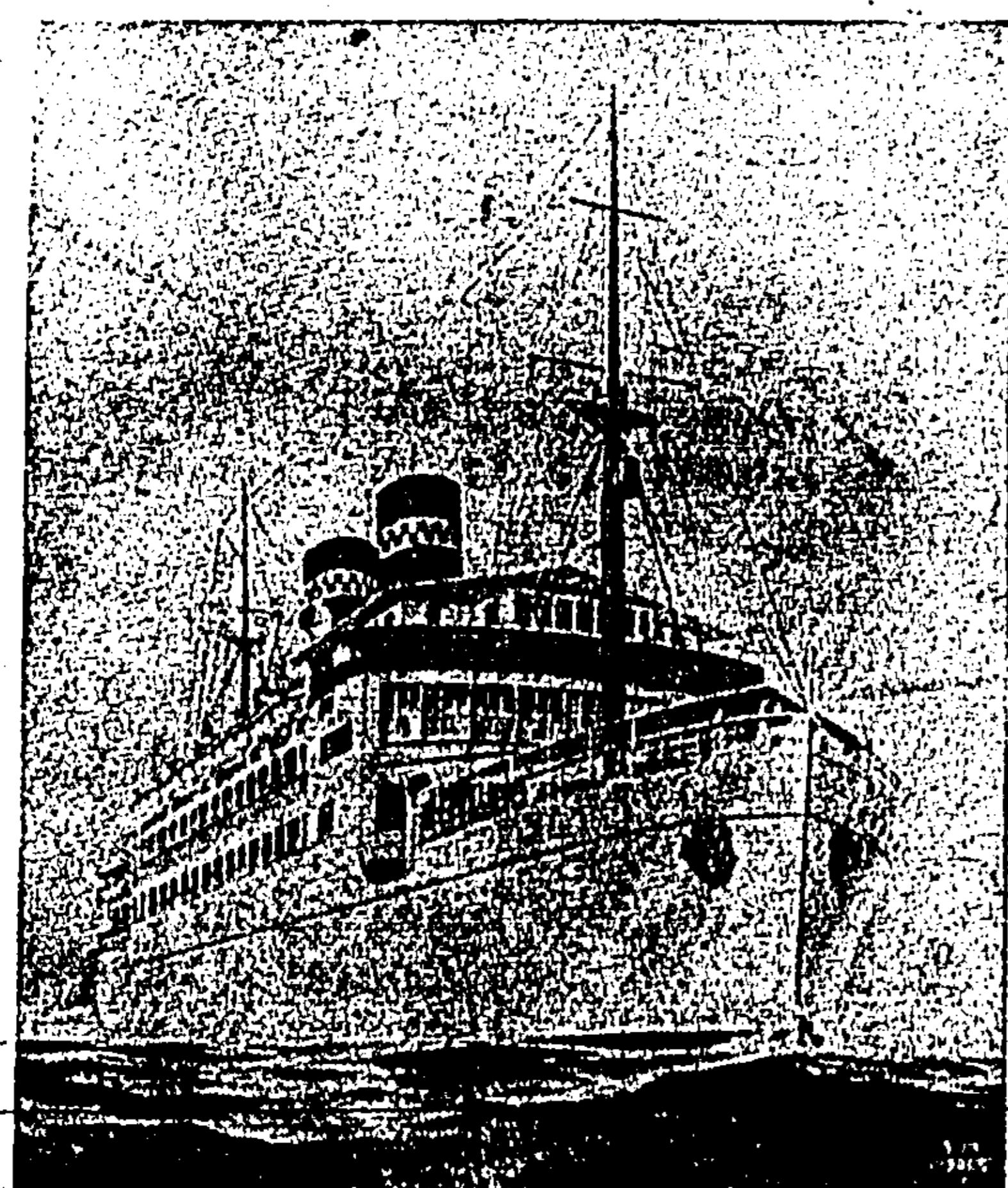
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INDIA'S WAR CONTRIBUTION

London, To-day.

India's economic contribution to the Allied war effort, already impressive, is steadily expanding both in volume and diversity.

Her geographical position having regard to strategic considerations makes it clear that her most important economic function is to act as a supply centre for all points of consequence from Egypt to Malaya.

Comparison between India's economic contribution in the Great War and the present one discloses two vital differences.

Firstly, India is far better prepared to meet calls upon her. In last war, she was hampered by her inadequate economic equipment and it was not until 1917 that the organisation created began to function in effective fashion.

Secondly, the intervening years have seen remarkable developments in industrial output.

India has advanced to a prominent place among the great industrial nations of the world and nowadays it is only her vast reserves of raw materials which are of consequence but also the variety and quality of her manufacturers.

At the same time, when expansion schemes are complete, it is anticipated that India will become an important centre of munitions production, able not only to meet her own needs but, to an appreciable extent, those of the Allied forces abroad.

Even now, it is computed that India manufactures 90% of her requirements.—British Wireless.

ENGLAND WORKS ON SUNDAY

LONDON, TO-DAY.

WHILE THE KING AND ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY LED THE PEOPLES OF THE EMPIRE IN PRAYER AT WESTMINSTER ABBEY YESTERDAY, A LARGE PART OF BRITAIN WAS WORKING ON THE PRODUCTION OF MUNITIONS IN REPLY TO THE GOVERNMENT DIRECTION THAT EVERY WORKER ON A WARTIME TASK SHOULD CONTINUE AS THOUGH IT WAS A WEEK-DAY.

The "Sunday Times" described this as a course entirely justified by the perilous urgency of the fighting outlook which is without precedent in British history.

Reports from different parts of the country show that transport services co-operated in the highest degree to ensure that workers arrived at factories in a normal week-day manner and the atmosphere of cheerful resolve among the workers generally to give of their best, an extremely encouraging sign of the determined spirit of the country.

A Union representative in a munition works told the Press that the men were resolved to raise production to the limit humanly possible and were tremendously determined to put everything they knew into their jobs.—British Wireless.

HITLER AND IMAM

CAIRO, TODAY.

THE "WAFD EL MASRI" DENOUNCES BERLIN'S RADIO LIES IN WHICH IT WAS DECLARED HITLER HAD EXCHANGED FRIENDLY LETTERS WITH THE IMAM OF YEMEN.

The truth is the opposite, writes the paper. The Imam sent Hitler a message asking him to terminate the war and preserve the world from the butchery in which the Germans are shedding innocent blood. Such was the real message and we are in a position to affirm that Hitler has not answered the letter.

This example gives some idea of the manœuvres by which the Nazis try to make people believe they are supported by the Arabs.—Reuter.

QUEEN MARY'S BIRTHDAY

London, Yesterday.

Queen Mary, who was 73 today (Sunday) celebrated the anniversary of her birthday in the West of England where she has resided since the outbreak of war.—British Wireless.

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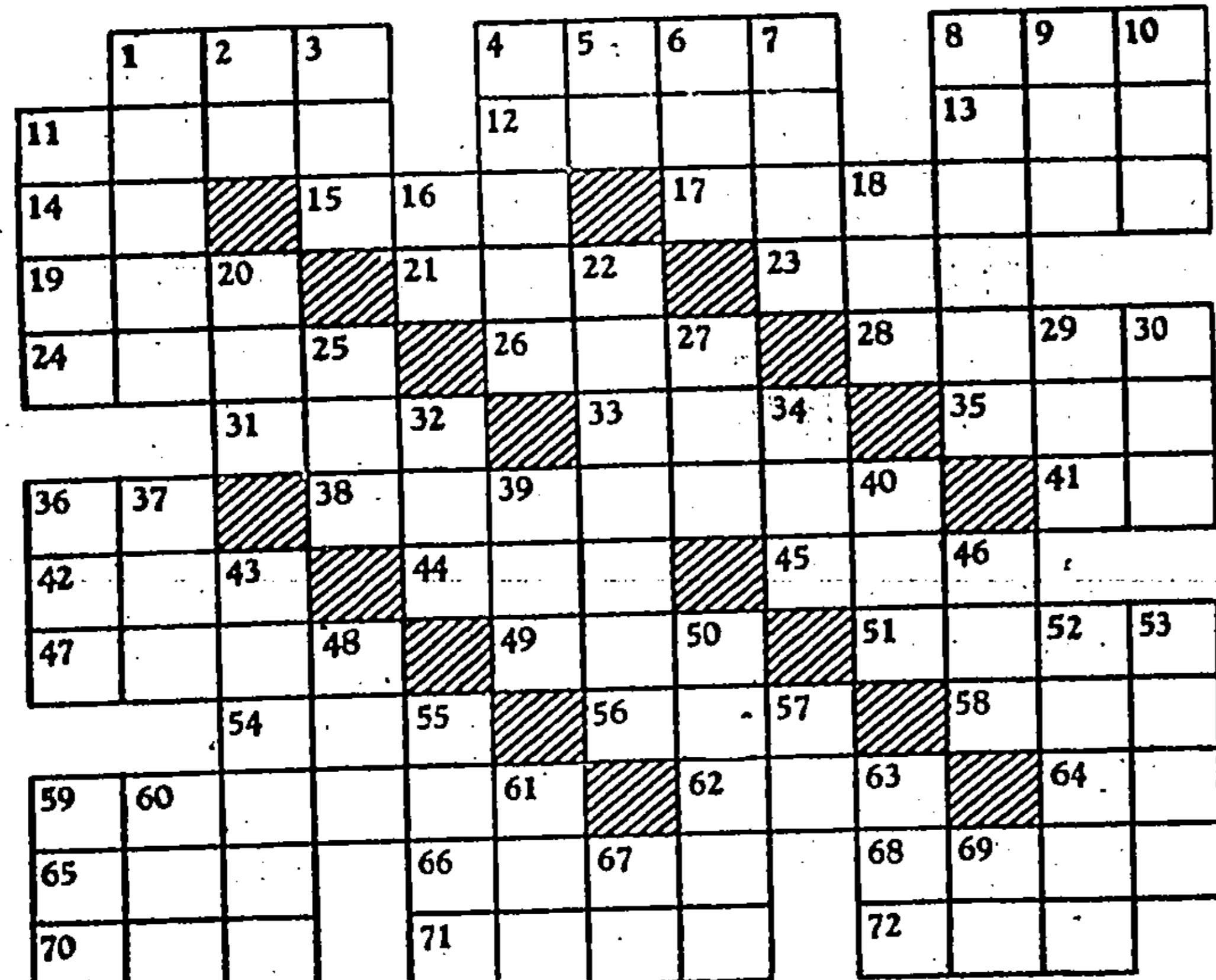
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- Former Turkish officer
- Neat
- Prefix: for
- Solar disc
- Frog genus
- Hanging down
- Artificial language
- Commotion
- Presses into a mass
- Tavern
- South American language
- Vase
- To slant
- Slender
- Final
- Salamander
- Chinese pagoda
- Unit
- Indo-Chinese language
- Indian mulberry
- Smoothed
- Compass point
- Roman bronze
- Music: high
- Inlet
- Icinglass
- Wing
- Colloquial: face

54 Poisonous snake

- Holland commune
- Peer Gynt's mother
- Ape
- Wine cup
- Symbol for samarium
- To leap
- Apex
- Ancient European country
- Worm
- Dill
- Abstract being

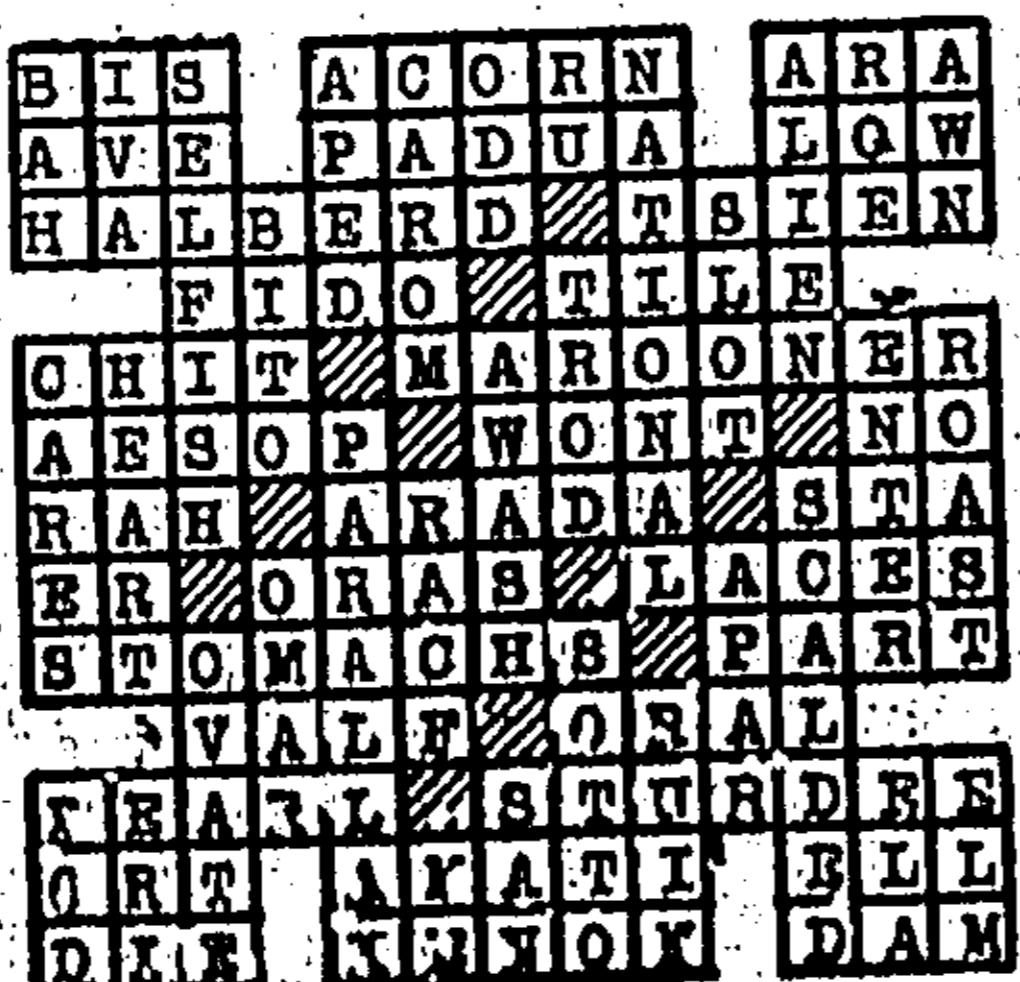
VERTICAL

- To expiate
- Earth goddess
- Literary scraps
- Disposed
- Sun god
- Writing fluid
- Author of Hindu law
- Apex
- Ancient European country
- Worm
- Dill
- Abstract being

16 Note of scale

- Sea eagle
- Burmese demon
- Disciple
- Downy surface
- Corners
- Pale
- To fasten
- Constellation
- Poetic: always
- Dutch weight
- Garland
- Guido's high note
- Candle
- Rogues
- Exclamation
- Edible mollusk
- To adjust
- Ancient Cilician seaport
- Ardour
- South American rodent
- Printer's measure
- Pronoun
- Butterflies
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- To mature
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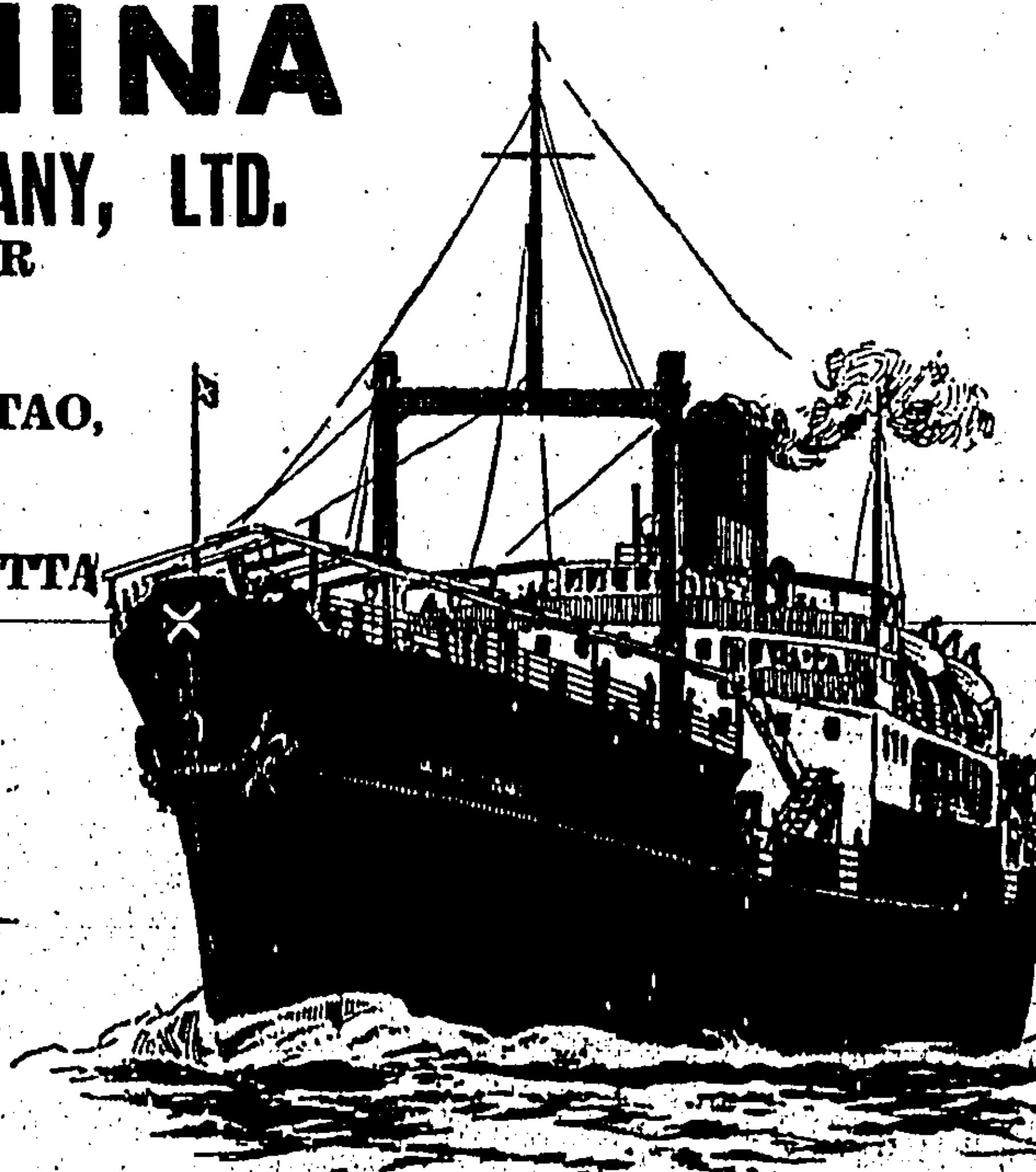
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**JUNK CREW CHARGED
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SIX MEMBERS OF A FISHING JUNK NO 936HC. WERE THIS MORNING ARRAIGNED BEFORE MR. E. H. WILLIAMS AT THE SUPREME COURT CHARGED WITH PARTICIPATING IN A ROBBERY ON A TRADING JUNK A FEW MILES OFF WAGLAN ON JANUARY 27.

Accused were represented by Mr. Percy Chen, instructed by Mr. A. S. K. Lau, while the case for the Crown was conducted by Mr. Reynolds.

The jury was composed of Messrs. B. J. Elwood (foreman), Wong Fat-ton, Pan Dze, Lee Chuek-lan, Ng Gam-hong, O. Sadick and Wong Tak-kwong.

The accused were:—Ng Lai, Man Ngan-chi, Shiu-lau, Chan Chi, Shin Ngau-mui, and Cheung Sap-ye.

Mr. Reynolds said that first accused was the helmsman and the other members of the crew of a fishing junk.

On January 27, a trading junk loaded with oranges, copper coins and shark's fins was bound for Hong Kong. Some miles off the San Min Custom station the junk was attacked by Japanese. The rudder and sails were thrown overboard and part of the cargo taken away or thrown overboard. The junk was left to drift helplessly. Later it was seen by a fishing junk and two members of the crew boarded the fishing junk with the object of going to Hong Kong to get a launch to tow the junk into Colony. The junk was anchored about 1½ miles south of Waglan.

On January 30, junk No 936HC went alongside. Four men boarded, two armed with revolvers. They searched the crew who they later pushed into the hold. The remaining cargo was transferred. The launch which had been obtained to tow the junk to Hong Kong was then seen and the robbers hurriedly left and set sail in a southerly direction.

At about noon, No. 1 Police Launch was met and Sub-inspector Oliver informed. The robber junk, still in sight, was over taken.

Only the shark fins were found. There was no signs of coins nor of any arms.

The case for the Crown was that the four men who boarded the junk were guilty of the crime and that the two who stayed on the junk were equally guilty in that they had a common object.

The case is proceeding.

**PICKPOCKET CAUGHT
AT THE RACES**

A 40-year-old Shanghai Chinese Luk Yuen-sang, was sentenced to six months' hard labour by Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., this morning, for stealing a gold watch at the Race Course on Saturday.

The victim was in the public enclosure watching a race, when he discovered his watch was missing. He caught hold of defendant who was next to him, and a policeman found the watch in defendant's right hand. Defendant was also recommended for banishment.

LOCAL SHARES

Following is the list of changes and enquiries in local share quotations to-day:—

BANKS

Hong Kong Bank \$1345 b.

Bank of East Asia \$73 b.

INSURANCES

Union Ins. \$455 sa.

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Coco Grove Ps. 05 sa.

Consol. Mines Ps. 0012 b.

East Mindanao Ps. 06½ sa.

I.X.L. Ps. 20 b.

Ipo Gold Ps. 0048 b.

Itogons Ps. 14 sa.

Masbates Ps. 06½ sa.

Mind. Mother Lode Ps. 06½ sa.

Mine Operation Ps. 05½ sa.

North Camarines Ps. 02 b.

San Mauricio Ps. 47 sa.

Surigao Consol. Ps. 12 sa.

Suyoc Consol. Ps. 09 b.

United Paracales Ps. 14 sa.

LOCAL DOLLAR

The demand rate on the Hong Kong dollar to-day was 1½ 7/8.

Silver was quoted at 21-13/16

spot and 21-5/8 forward.

The cross rate London/New York was quoted at £—U.S.\$4.0250, and the New York/London rate at U.S.\$8.20.



Nancy, a garrison town in northern France is among the many places which have been attacked from the air by German bombers. Many casualties were reported including women and children. Photo shows French soldiers and rescue squads searching the ruins of a demolished block of flats after the bombardment. (Copyright, Fox).

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(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")
TOKYO, YESTERDAY.

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Dr. Matsuoka's experiments have revealed that when properly treated chemically, moss makes an ideal substitute for dried grass, rice and wheat bran.

A large factory to turn out moss fodder and feed is to be established by a Tokyo industrialist in the near future in Saghalien with the assistance of the Saghalien Government.

The region near the Soviet border is believed to contain 10 billion tons of good quality moss and twice or thrice the quantity of slightly inferior moss. Because it contains ammonia, it is necessary to pulverise Arctic moss and apply acids to make it harmless for animals. Soya bean and fish powder are then added to impart protein, and it is next fermented with yeast, and dried.—Havas.

COTTON SUBSIDIES IN NORTH CHINA

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Peiping, To-day.

The sum of \$2,000,000 has been appropriated to reward farmers raising the best cotton and obtaining the biggest yield, says the press, emphasising that the measure shows the importance the local authorities and Japanese economic interests attach to cotton culture in North China. The funds have been furnished by the North China political council and the Japanese Cotton Union.—Havas.

COMBATING FIFTH COLUMN

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

London, Yesterday.

Measures against sabotage and Fifth Column activities are being taken throughout the country.

The London Passenger Transport Board is mobilising its 70,000 employees to prevent sabotage above the surface and on the underground railways.

Employees have been provided with bicycles and motorcycles and detailed to watch certain sectors during their off-duty hours.—Havas.

WEATHER REPORT

The Royal Observatory reports that a weak anticyclone covers Japan and the neighbouring seas; pressure is relatively low in a trough extending from Indo-China across the Philippines to the Carolines. A small depression is situated to the south of Hainan, probably moving west-north-west.



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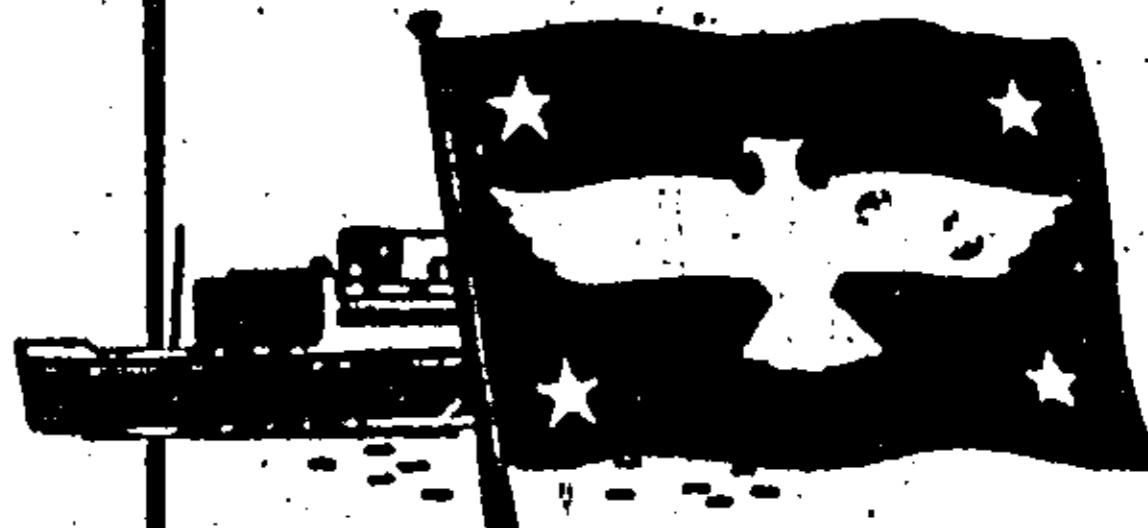
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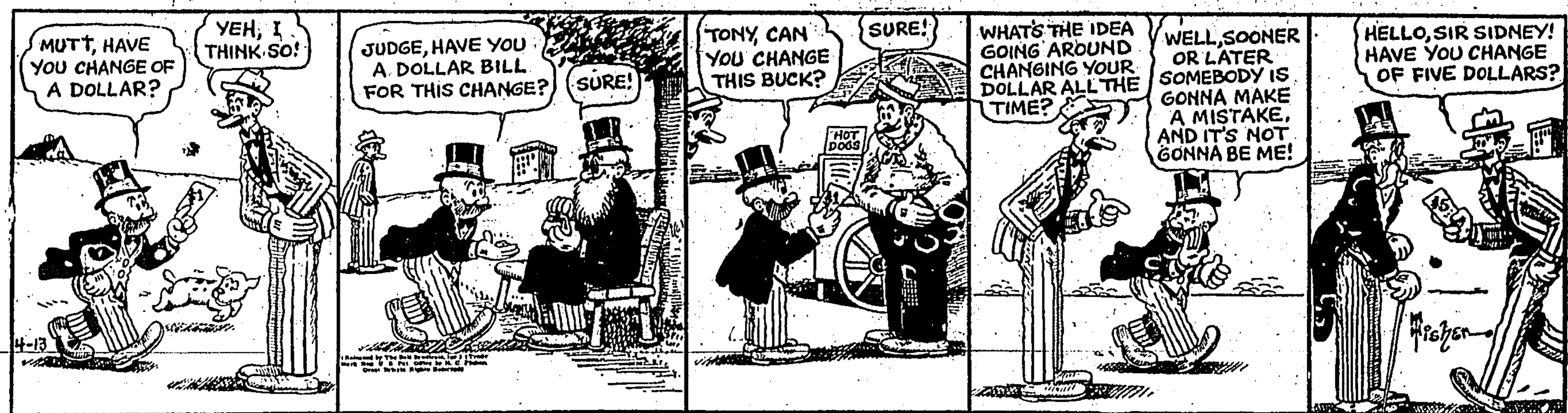
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9.45 p.m.—B.B.C. Recording—"Coronation Diary".
10.10 p.m.—Orchestral and Band Selections.
10.30 p.m.—Excerpts from Musical Comedy.
11.00 p.m.—Close Down.

8.24 p.m.—Songs by Turner Layton at the Piano.

SATURDAY'S SPORT IN RETROSPECT

AS a domestic function the swimming gala at the Y.M.C.A. on Saturday was interesting enough but from the point of view of the disinterested spectator there was little over which to enthuse.

The general superiority of the civilian swimmer over his service prototype was demonstrated in the open relay, where "Y", who fielded several of their more promising youngsters, won by a large margin, being never actually extended.

Best lady swimmers appeared to be the Misses Eileen Grant and D. Craig but as both were handicapped out of the picture in their respective heats in the 50 yards free style, they were unable to distinguish themselves.

One fact emerged clearly from Saturday's gala; "Y" are possessed of some extremely promising youngsters and they would do well to keep a watchful eye on them. Both Meffan and Saunders returned some very good times in the free style events and it appears fairly certain that their successes in competitive events of the future will depend only on their development. At the moment there is little wrong with their technique.

Slightly-built B. S. Wilson again gave a polished back stroke display and appears to improve with every new competition.

I am told that the breast stroke is not looked upon with favour by "Y" members of either sex. Owing to insufficient support both the men's and Women's 50 yards breast stroke handicaps were washed out.

HONG Kong Baseball Club, in spite of being beaten by Chinese Baseball Club on Saturday, did well and with a little luck might have registered their first win, not only of the season but in their last 11 League games.

The fourth inning proved expensive

for Club as they were then leading. Smith lost his touch and loaded the bases. Bunting, coupled by bad play on the part of Club, enabled the Chinese to score four runs.

The Baseball Club team should do well in their future games this season.

Chinese Baseball Club are not the force they were last year and will have to put in much practice if they wish to be near the top at the finish.

South China, according to reports, are not yet ready for their first game and are putting in as much practice as possible. It is curious though that they should be allowed to postpone their games for this reason and this will probably result in teams having to play two games, during a weekend, later in the season.

THE feat of L. Jordan's rinks in registering a "possible", Kowloon Tong's first Second Division win, and the defeat of Prison Officer's Club were the outstanding features of the week-end Lawn Bowls League programme.

The real surprise of First Division was at the Valley where Civil Service Cricket Club beat Kowloon Bowling Green Club by 6 shots, while at Cox's park, Craingewower managed to win by two shots against Kowloon Cricket Club. There was not much difference in the individual rink score, in the latter game, honours being even—a win, a draw and a loss for each club—but Omar's three-shot margin was enough for Craingewower to win.

The two undefeated teams in Third Division met at Ming Yuen, with the result that the Electricians beat Prison Officers' Club by 19 shots. J. Sloan had a 13-shot win over Jilliot and Paul beat Pile by 6 shots.

Two sevens were scored during the afternoon and both by Recreio senior team rinks, the skips being C. G. Silva and F. X. Silva.

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North, Dealer
Neither side vulnerable

♠ 9 8 2
♥ 10 5
♦ A K Q 9 4
♣ A 10 8

♠ A K 6 4
♥ 9 8 7 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ Q 6

N W E S
♦ 9 8 7 3
♦ 8 6 2
♣ Q 6

♠ Q 7 5 8
♥ A Q 6 4 2
♦ 10
♣ K 7 5

The bidding:
North East South West
10 Pass 10 10
20 Pass 2NT Pass
3NT Pass Pass

Having no satisfactory opening,

West decided on the unorthodox lead of the club Queen. East played the encouraging eight and, after winning with the King, south led the diamond ten and finessed. East returned the Jack of spades; South covered; West won and played his remaining club.

Declarer finessed dummy's club ten, but East won this trick with the Jack; then cashed the ten of spades. From this point on West was squeezed. East now led the Jack of hearts, which Declarer won with the Queen. He then played a club to dummy and ran off

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Merwin Maier is your partner and you hold:

♠ Q 10 x x x
♥ x x x x
♦ K x x x
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30 Pass (?)

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SKIPS' TABLES

FOLLOWING ARE THE tables of all skips of the three divisions of the Lawn Bowls League.

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
F. Cullen (K.D.R.C.)	4	4	0	0	95	54	41	0	0	0	8
C. G. Silva (Rec. "A")	4	4	0	0	104	67	37	0	0	0	8
F. X. M. Silva (Rec. "A")	4	4	0	0	98	67	81	0	0	0	8
A. J. Hall (K.B.G.C.)	4	3	1	0	100	69	31	0	0	0	6
R. Basa (C.C.C.)	4	2	1	1	100	77	23	0	0	0	5
J. C. S. Fender (P.R.C.)	4	2	1	1	84	65	19	0	0	0	6
B. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	3	1	0	90	84	6	0	0	0	6
J. J. Basto (Rec. "B")	4	3	1	0	87	83	4	0	0	0	6
U. M. Omar (C.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	76	79	0	3	0	0	6
A. M. Holland (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	1	1	80	75	5	0	0	0	5
C. S. Rosselet (C.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	92	73	19	0	0	0	4
G. H. Sherriff (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	94	81	13	0	0	0	4
J. E. Noronha (Rec. "B")	4	2	2	0	86	76	10	0	0	0	4
H. A. Alves (Rec. "A")	4	2	2	0	76	72	4	0	0	0	4
J. McElvie (K.D.R.C.)	4	2	2	0	75	77	0	2	0	0	4
H. E. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	3	2	1	0	57	63	0	6	0	0	4
N. J. Bebbington (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	2	1	76	85	0	9	0	0	3
J. F. McGowan (C.S.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	20	4	0	0	0	2
E. G. Post (P.R.C.)	1	1	0	0	20	17	3	0	0	0	2
L. A. Collyer (C.S.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	48	37	11	0	0	0	2
A. R. Dallat (I.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	36	33	3	0	0	0	2
E. Kern (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	42	47	0	5	0	0	2
A. E. Carey (P.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	67	57	10	0	0	0	2
E. C. Flincher (K.C.C.)	3	1	2	0	61	58	3	0	0	0	2
A. R. Minu (I.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	58	64	0	6	0	0	2
F. Goodwin (K.C.C.)	3	0	1	2	57	68	0	11	0	0	2
J. Orem (P.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	75	91	0	16	0	0	2
J. Kempton (K.D.R.C.)	4	1	3	0	74	95	0	21	0	0	2
W. Gill (H.K.F.C.)	4	1	3	0	69	97	0	28	0	0	0
F. J. Jones (C.S.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	23	24	0	1	0	0	0
G. C. Moss (K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	14	37	0	23	0	0	0
J. Hollidge (C.S.C.C.)	2	0	2	0	29	45	0	16	0	0	0
M. R. Abbas (I.R.C.)	3	0	3	0	59	80	0	21	0	0	0
A. K. Minu (I.R.C.)	4	0	4	0	60	109	0	49	0	0	0
A. Brooksbank (H.K.F.C.)	4	0	4	0	47	107	0	60	0	0	0

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.	Pts.
T. W. Carr (K.C.C.)	4	4	0	0	115	48	67	0	0	0	8
O. Remedios (Rec.)	3	3	0	0	87	44	43	0	0	0	6
W. K. Way (C.C.C.)	4	3	1	0	89	75	14	0	0	0	6
P. Yvanovich (Rec.)	3	2	0	1	70	53	17	0	0	0	5
P. Younghusband (K.F.C.)	3	2	1	0	74	54	20	0	0	0	4
R. M. Keown (T.C.)	3	2	1	0	59	49	10	0	0	0	4
W. Harrower (K.B.G.C.)	3	2	1	0	75	33	42	0	0	0	4
J. Chalmers (T.C.)	2	2	0	0	57	38	19	0	0	0	4
W. McNeill (C.C.C.)	2	2	0	0	46	33	13	0	0	0	4
A. A. Lewis (C.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	82	76	6	0	0	0	4
R. Duncan (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	80	77	3	0	0	0	4
H. L. Lockhart (K.B.G.C.)	4	2	2	0	71	71	0	0	0	0	4
H. Gittins (K.T.)	4	2	2	0	75	82	0	7	0	0	4
J. M. Jack (K.C.C.)	4	2	2	0	79	88	0	9	0	0	4
A. J. Kew (K.T.)	4	2	2	0	64	81	0	17	0	0	4
A. A. Razack (C.C.C.)	1	1	0	0	24	13	11	0	0	0	2
T. Stainton (T.C.)	1	1	0	0	23	16	7	0	0	0	2
W. Simpson (K.F.C.)	1	1	0	0	25	19	6	0	0	0	2
W. V. Field (K.F.C.)	2	1	1	0	44	30	14	0	0	0	2
A. Wright (P.R.C.)	2	1	1	0	39	38	1	0	0	0	2
R. Marks (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	32	41	0	9	0	0	2
A. Sparry (K.C.C.)	2	1	1	0	32	50	0	18	0	0	2
E. Souza (Rec.)	3	1	1	1	51	45	6	0	0	0	3
S. Eccleshall (C.S.C.C.)	3	1	2	0	60	60	0	0	0	0	2
G. E. Maughan (H.K.C.C.)	3	1	2	0	76	84	0	8	0	0	2
A. H. Basto (K.T.)	4	1	3	0	47	67	0	20	0	0	2
W. Glendinning (P.R.C.)	3	1	2	0	49	69	0	20	0	0	2
V. Chittenden (K.F.C.)	3	1	2	0	61	82	0	21	0	0	2
D. Munro (T.C.)	3	1	2	0	43	89	0	46	0	0	2
A. W. Brown (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	19	22	0	3	0	0	0
L. A. R. Duncan (H.K.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	16	23	0	7	0	0	0
N. P. Karanja (C.C.C.)	1	0	1	0	18	26	0	8	0	0	0
L. Guy (K.B.G.C.)	1	0	1	0	12	28	0	16	0	0	0
W. B. Fraser (P.R.C.)	2	0	2	0	19	45	0	26	0	0	0
G. S. Archibald (H.K.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	52	66	0	14	0	0	0
C. Strange (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	2	1	43	71	0	28	1	0	0
W. E. Hollands (P.R.C.)	3	0	3	0	43	80	0	37	0	0	0
A. B. Allen (C.S.C.C.)	3	0	3	0	43	80	0	37	0	0	0

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	L.	T.	F.	A.	Shots	Shots	Up	Dn.
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ARMY TENNIS PAIRINGS

The following are the Army League Tennis Pairings:

"A" DIVISION

	P.	L.	W.
Skipwith and Hook (8th R.A.)	9	2	7
Smith and Harrison (R.A.M.C.)	6	0	6
Emerson and Duffield (R.A.O.C.)	6	0	6
Taylor and James (R.A.P.C.)	5	0	5
Adam and Murray (R.A.P.C.)	5	0	5
Mitchell and Elsley (R.E.)	6	1	5
Grose and Wilkinson (R.E.)	6	1	5
Megson and Denyer (R.E.)	6	1	5
Meekings and Louis (8th R.A.)	6	1	5
Pinkney and Carden (R.A.P.C.)	5	1	4
Martin and Logan (R.A.S.C.)	6	2	4
Guest and Waldron (Middlesex)	3	0	3
Bridges and Boocock (R.A.O.C.)	3	0	3
Morgan and Mew (8th R.A.)	3	0	3
Young and Gibbs (R.A.S.C.)	6	3	3
Webb and Milne (R.A.M.C.)	6	3	3
Tevernor and Mew (8th R.A.)	3	1	2
Gardner and Stonor (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2
Boocock and Stonor (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2
Gardner and Wardle (R.A.O.C.)	3	1	2

Ingram and Morgan (8th R.A.)	6	4	2
Milson and Reynolds (R.A.M.C.)	6	4	2
McDougall and Douglas (R.S.)	6	4	2
Alley and Wibb (R.S.)	6	4	2
Duncan and Glasgow (R.S.)	6	4	2
Guest and Mellor (Middlesex)	3	2	1
Lane and Meekings (6th R.A.)	3	2	1
Roach and Ward (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Osborne and Marsh (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Way and Scory (12th R.A.)	3	2	1
Ingram and Tevener (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Walton and King (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Dunne and Meldor (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Plummer and Iles (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Hewitt and Castle (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Challis and Iles (Middlesex)	3	3	0
Mills and Coughlin (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
McConnell and March (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
McMurphy and Forrester (12th R.A.)	3	3	0
Shirlaw and Marsh (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Keast and Walton (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Hunt and Spiller (35th M.G. Coy.)	3	3	0
R.A.)	3	3	0

Lowings and Turner (85th M.G. Coy. R.A.)	3	3	0
Graham and Cook (35th M.G. Coy. R.A.)	3	3	0
Osborne and Skinner (8th R.A.)	6	6	0

Wadridge and Goodenough (30th R.A.)	3	1	2
Berry and Hickie (30th R.A.)	3	1	2
Parnell and Robertson (8th R.A.)	3	1	2
Spencer and Shaw (R.E.)	3	1	2
Coughlin and Barracough (6th R.A.)	3	1	2
Whittaker and Morgan (6th R.A.)	3	1	2
Willis and Garan (Signals)	3	2	1
Bannister and Iggleston (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1
King and Adams (R.A.S.C.)	3	2	1
Roberts and Lucknow (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1
Stones and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	3	2	1
Whelan and Danning (R.S.)	3	2	1
Anderson and Pearson (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Hamson and Newton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Thompson and Pidgeon (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Ward and Denton (24th R.A.)	3	2	1
Banham and Ward (8th R.A.)	3	2	1
Pennington and Pinder (R.A.O.C.)	3	2	1
Shirlaw and Pottifer (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Goldthorpe and Stone (8th R.A.)	3	3	0
Pinder and Thrush (R.A.O.C.)	3	3	0
Simpson and Fiddy (6th R.A.)	3	3	0
Wood and Sheridan (R.A.S.C.)	3	3	0
Chalcraft and Hemming (R.A.P.C.)	3	3	0
Roberts and Chalcraft (R.A.P.C.)	3	3	0

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ing German communications and marching columns. — Havas.

Encouraging Progress

Paris, To-day. With the Allies engaged in strategic operations of the highest importance, which violent German attacks are designed to break, precise information of developments is likely to diminish rather than otherwise in the next few days.

From the comments of the French military spokesman, however, it is gathered that the High Command is well satisfied with progress, although the German units operating in the Boulogne area remain a potentially grave menace.

The forces in the north are now pushing south from the Arras Line between Arras and Le Cateau, imperilling the most important part of the battle front, while it is stated that the French Army, driving from the Somme have reduced the gap between the Allied armies to 12 miles.

Frontal Attacks

Yesterday, the German delivered a violent frontal attack eight miles from Cambrai in an attempt to smash the Allied movement, but the line refused to budge.

Attack and counter-attack continued throughout the day, with the issue towards nightfall turning to the Allied advantage.

A French official communique states that according to prisoners of war, German losses are on a tremendous scale.—Havas.

CHINA TAX CHANGE

Chungking, To-day. To exercise unified control over the collection of direct taxes, a Direct Tax Bureau of the Ministry of Finance will be inaugurated on June 1.

Mr. Kao Pung-fang, Chief of the Taxation Department of the Ministry, will be director.

Taxes to be placed under the control of the new bureau include income tax, inheritance tax, stamp tax, and others.—Central News.

NORMANDY NOW IN ARMY ZONE

(SPECIAL TO "CHINA MAIL")

Paris, To-day. Normandy is now included in the Army Zone—that is the area where the military powers have special powers to facilitate their activities.

Military rule has been extended to the Departements of the Seine, Inferieure, Eure, Calvados, Manche, Orne, Eure-et-Loir, Loiret and Yonne.—Havas.

NO SURRENDER

Paris, To-day. Mr. Duff Cooper, broadcasting to the French people last night, said that having taken up the challenge of Hitlerism, we would never surrender.

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Washington, To-day. The United States is "shocked by the almost incredible stories of what is happening at this moment to the civilian populations of Norway, Holland, Belgium, Luxembourg and France," said President Roosevelt in his broadcast last night.

The President strongly appealed for contributions to the Red Cross, and turning to defence stressed "the futility and impossibility" of the idea of isolationism in the Americas.

Obviously, he said, a defence policy based thereon was merely to invite future attack.

The past few weeks had shattered many of the isolationist illusions. They had lost the illusion that the United States was remote and isolated and therefore secure against dangers from which no other land was free.

In some quarters, with this rude awakening had come fear bordering on panic. It was said we were defenceless. It was said by some that only by abandoning our freedom, our ideals and our way of life can we build our defences adequately and match the strength of the aggressors.

"I do not share these illusions. I not share these fears. We are now more realistic but let us not be calamity howlers and discount our strength.

"Let us have done with both fears and illusions."

Referring to recent stories about the United States' lack of preparedness, President Roosevelt declared that the U.S. Army and Navy were to-day "the largest, best-equipped and best training military establishment in United States history."

Compared with 355 anti-aircraft guns in 1933, the United States now has over 1,700 modern anti-aircraft guns of all types on hand or ordered, and compared with only 24 modern infantry mortars for the entire Army in 1933 there are now over 1,600 on hand or 48 modern tanks in 1933 there are ordered, while compared with only now 1,700 on hand or ordered.

In 1933, the Army had 1,263 pilots. To-day, the Army alone has over 3,200 of the best fighters in the world, not including hundreds of splendid pilots in the National Guard and organized reserves.

Within the past year, the productive capacity of the aviation industry to produce war planes has tremendously increased. This capacity is still inadequate, but the Government, working with industry, was determined to increase this capacity to meet their needs.

"We intend to harness the efficient machinery of these manufacturers to the Government pro-

gramme of being able to get 50,000 planes a year."

President Roosevelt said that many patriotic Americans "of proven merit and unquestioned ability in their special fields are coming to Washington to help the Government with their training, experience and capability.

"It is our purpose not only to speed up production but to increase the total facilities of the nation so that they can be further enlarged to meet future emergencies."

The world situation might so change that it would be necessary to re-appraise their programme at any time. In such a case, he was confident that Congress and the Chief Executive would work in harmony as a team, as they are doing to-day.

He would not hesitate at any moment to ask for additional funds when required. The United States was calling on the resources of American manufacturers for all kinds of war materials.

He promised that the Government was ready to advance money to provide for the enlargement of factories and the establishment of new factories and the employment of thousands of more workers, because it would be unfair to expect manufacturers to do this when there was "a chance that the change in international affairs may stop future orders."

Referring to the "Fifth Column," President Roosevelt said that spies, saboteurs and traitors must be dealt with vigorously.

"New forces are being unleashed, deliberately planned propaganda to divide and weaken us in the face of danger as other nations have been weakened before. These dividing forces are undiluted poison. They must not be allowed to spread in the New World as they have in the Old."

President Roosevelt concluded that at this time, when the world—including the American hemisphere—was threatened by the forces of destruction, Americans were resolved to build up their armed defences. They would build them to whatever heights the future might require and build them swiftly.

"We defend—we build a way of life not for America alone but for all mankind. Ours is a high duty and noble task. Day and night, I pray for the restoration of peace to this mad world of ours. I know you are praying with me."

"In common affection for all mankind, your prayers join with mine that God will heal the wounds and hearts of humanity."

—Reuter.

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